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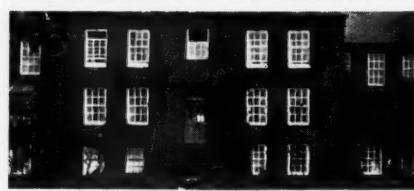
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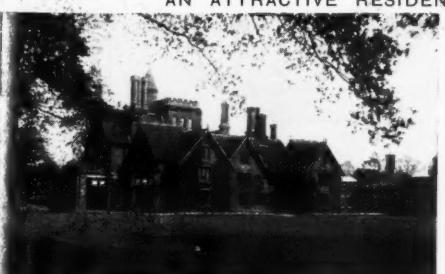
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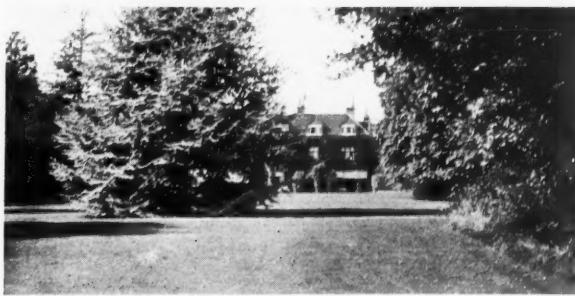
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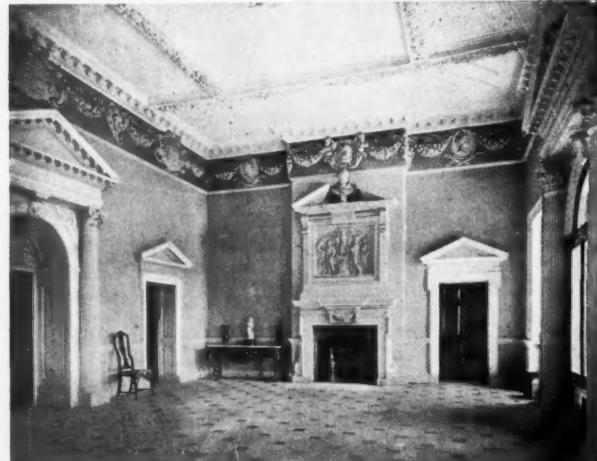


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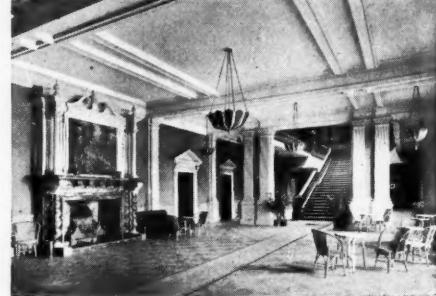
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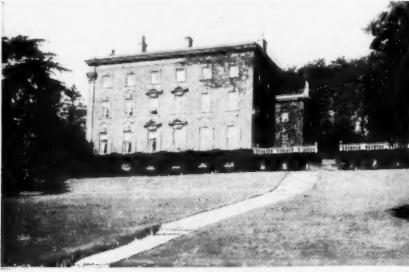
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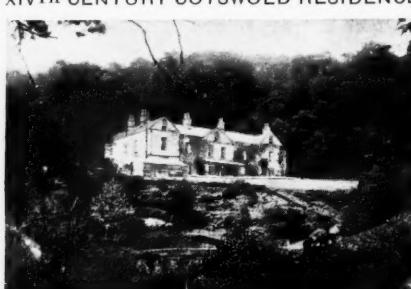
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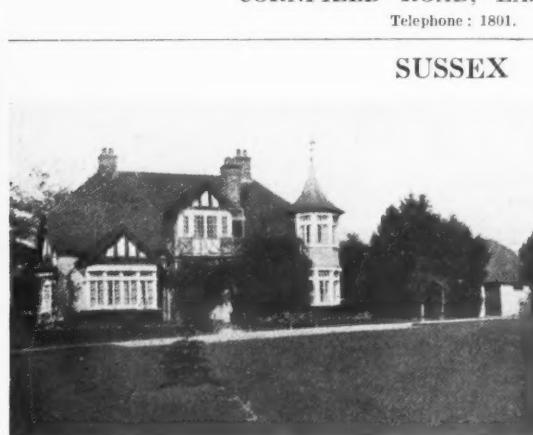
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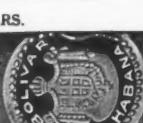
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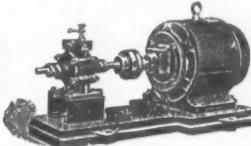
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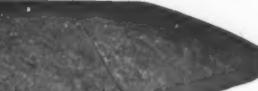
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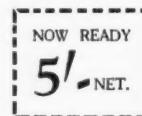
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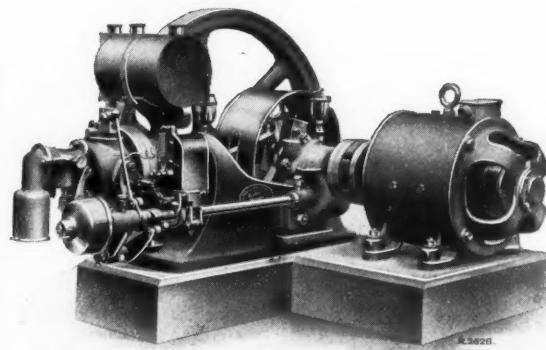
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VISITORS

OUR national Publicity Agent—the Department of Overseas Trade—is turning its attention to attracting foreign tourists to Great Britain. At present we get, we are told, nothing like our just share of visitors compared with France or Italy. The former makes some £50,000,000 a year, Italy and Germany about £30,000,000 a year from this source. Such foreigners as do come to see England tend to follow a single itinerary, including Winchester, Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, Windsor and London. That is all very well, so far as it goes. But what a little that is! Mr. A. M. Samuel, Parliamentary Secretary to the Department, is admirably qualified to organise an expansion of this itinerary, being, among other things, a writer, whose "Mancroft Essays" has done much to make Norfolk appreciated. His ambition, as he puts it, is to attract "the artistic, intellectual and student class of travellers from the United States, Canada and South America. We want the well-to-do, cultivated traveller from, say, Brazil and Argentina, to come here not so much for luxurious pleasure, as for a holiday such as an Englishman would take abroad if he were visiting Vienna, Florence, Pæstum, Dresden or Prague."

Let us develop this idea and see, on the one hand, what are the objectives that take most of us English people abroad. And, on the other, what are our assets and, no less, our weaknesses. When we start off for a holiday, it is generally to some well defined district with the main characteristics of which we are fairly familiar in advance. We rarely go to a place of which we have not previously formed a visual image. We go to the Châteaux of the Loire, to Provence, to the Hill Cities of Tuscany, the Temples of Sicily, the Castles of the Rhine, and so on. We know what we want before we start. That is why we choose one district rather than another. Now, to most foreigners England has practically no "labels" of this kind. There is "lil' ole London," there is "Shakespeare's country." The rest is just vague. It is often surprising what places foreigners, for lack of "labels," think typically English. Many Continentals know no English town other than Reading—because Untée Palma is seated there. A few know of the Trossachs, the Highlands, the Lake District, Devon, and wish to go there. But besides these we have a mass of entrancing districts, compact, easily accessible, but wanting a world-wide reputation. "Le Pays de Galle"—how few foreigners reach that home of romance! The Cathedrals of the West Country, Fenland Churches, the Towns of the Cotswolds, the Downlands of England. These are all good labels, good assets—and they stand for as much beauty and history as anything on the Continent. Our old cities, York, Chester, Norwich, Salisbury, besides being remarkable in themselves, are excellent centres for touring. And we have in the country houses of England, something that no other country can show. Our roads and railways are the best in the world so far as getting about is concerned, and foreigners should certainly hear of the fact. But our real weakness is hotels. Compared with those on the Continent, our country town hotels are dirty and frowzy, and their food expensive and poor. A few new ones have sprung up since the war, and a few, on the North Road, have taken a new lease of life from motorists. But they are far between.

The actual process of propaganda must be left to the Department concerned. But there, again, we can learn from our experience abroad. We find "Syndicats d'Initiative," travel bureaux adorned with splendid photographs and attractive posters, and supplied with illustrated booklets. There should be a British Travel Bureau in every big foreign city, and travel agencies in other cities should be paid to push what England has to offer—to show our photographs and booklets. We claim for COUNTRY LIFE that no paper ever published has done so much to show the beauties of the country, and the superb set of volumes "English Homes," edited for us by Mr. H. Avray Tipping, should be available in every British Travel Bureau. There are strangely few picture books on England, although it is, probably, the most consistently picturesque modern country, for its size, in the world. Then, having got the potential visitor, the next thing is to give him facilities for travel as convenient as those he can find in France or Italy. Circular tickets should be provided at reduced rates, and, for those who are timorous in a foreign land, an enlarged system of "Cook's Tours." To see what can be done in this way one has only to glance at the wonderful activities of the C.G.T. in France in popularising the Route des Alpes and the interior of Northern Africa. But most important of all is to prevent the destruction of the very things, and the very spirit, that foreigners come here to find. Should we ourselves go so continually to Holland, France, Italy, if the choicest buildings in every town were pulled down for cinemas and sixpenny bazaars, the churches for the erection of tall monotonous offices? Visitors are charming, no doubt, in more ways than one, but there must be something to invite them to see.

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COUNTRY NOTES.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S camp for four hundred boys, half of whom come from great Public Schools and half from factories in the industrial centres, is one of the most sensible schemes of its kind. Boys are naturally intolerant, full of prejudices and inclined to look with disfavour on individuals or manners different to those of their own particular herd. A camp is an ideal setting for the breaking down of these ideas. Free of the restriction of their normal environment, both sides are quick to realise the good points of the other. Games, competitions and the common round of camp duties bring them into intimate contact, and each section is made up from equal numbers of both classes. These camps have now been held for six successive years, and the experiment has proved to be an unqualified success. Many of the boys who have been guests at the camp have gone abroad to distant parts of the Empire. They take with them that spirit of good will and mutual co-operation which, it is to be hoped, will be the dominant factor in industrial developments of the future. Already this system has shown good results, and similar ventures on the same lines have been started overseas. But the effect is cumulative, and year by year the promoters note how their ideas gain support and acceptance, and how the practical results of their scheme for the social education of both classes are justifying themselves in practice.

THE predominant characteristic of the British Association meetings is that all phases of science, both pure and applied, are the subject of papers. The addresses read by the presidents of the various sections usually summarise the position of knowledge in that particular branch and indicate in general terms the line of research which is being followed. Thus, we find Professor T. B. Leathes of the physiological section touching upon the scientist's search for the origin of life. In guarded and deeply technical language he pointed out that all life as we know it is dependent on that unstable element water. When the mobility of water is interrupted and it becomes a frozen solid, animation is suspended. The liquid state is an essential for all the processes of life and growth. Under the joint assault of the physiologists and the chemists we may hope in process of time to unravel some of the mysteries of these vital fluids. A generation ago the idea that some prying scientist should hope to surprise the mystery of life would have been deemed blasphemous. To-day, and it is a testimony to the advance in the public acceptance of scientific thought, no one would be upset if some chemist found the link between the inorganic and living matter. It would be interesting, but not shocking. It might be difficult to reconcile with dogma, but it would have little effect on the existing philosophy of our time, and, anyway, it would be less personally annoying to most of us than these plaguey professors' improvements in poison gas and high explosives.

EVEN that elfin lantern of the hedgerow, the glow-worm, does not escape the attention of the scientific zoologist. To most of us the glow-worm is a thing apart. Natural philosophy may tell us that it is a luminous insect and the most economical form of light known to science. Economics may assure us that if we could only find the secret of the glow-worm's light, patent and market it, our wealth would overshadow Henry Ford's. But romance tells us that the glow-worm is the torchbearer or the charger of the fairies, and we remember lovely hot summer nights when the whispering grasses of the hedge glowed dim with mystery, and magic was abroad. Now comes a solemn professor who lectures to the scientists at Oxford. He has dissected out a glow-worm's eye, an organ the fifty thousandth part of a square millimetre in size, and taken a photograph through it. "Glow-worms," he says, "have perfect sight. Dragon flies can see extremely well, and butterflies could recognise each other when several feet away." This may be news about the glow-worm, for they are friendly creatures which make no attempt to escape, and glow confidingly in the warm hollow of a childish hand. As to the others, the acute-eyed dragon fly and the dancing tortoiseshell, this may be useful to the British Association, but is this news to any boy who, cap in hand, has sought to capture them?

THERE is, probably, no method by which a human being can jump into more sudden and general fame than that of swimming the Channel, and the name of Miss Gertrude Ederle is now upon all lips. Not only is this young lady of eighteen the first woman to have swum the Channel, but she has done it in some two hours less than it has ever been done before. Thus, for the first time in athletic history, a woman has fairly and squarely beaten all the men. Even such great women game players as Mlle. Lenglen and Miss Joyce Wethered have never done that. They have been, and are, wonderfully good, possibly better than all the men in a proportionate sense, but not actually better. Miss Ederle has gone a step farther. It is fortunate, perhaps, that these are not the days of suffrage agitation or the poor men would never hear the last of it. Everybody will congratulate this world-beating young lady. She had a hard time at the end of her journey, and triumphed as much by her courage as by her skill. The swimming of the Channel is one of the athletic achievements which bring with them no prize or tangible reward of any kind. There is nothing but the honour and glory, but there is abundance of that.

PHILOMEL.

They have said all things of you, nightingale,
Save this—that you, like all the rest
Who sing through the passionate midnight, fail
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When, like a juggler, tossing at the sun
A hundred torches, from your torch-lit throat
You toss the coloured shadows of the one
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But when you are suddenly silent, Philomel,
Oh, then I know that, folded in the trees,
Beyond the notes there beats the miracle
Of the heart that failed of these.

HUMBERT WOLFE.

IN a little over four weeks Mr. Alan Cobham has flown from England to Australia. The magnitude of this achievement can hardly be appreciated without reference to the map. Its importance as a practical survey of an air route has also been overshadowed by the spectacular nature of the flight and the sad loss of Mr. A. B. Elliott, the mechanic shot by a desert Arab near Bagdad. Mr. Cobham's flight has carried him half round the globe and it has moved up a step nearer to the time when, regular air services will compass the Empire. That day is not yet, for the secret of relatively safe long distance flying still eludes us. At present these trips are great and hazardous adventures. They are true pioneering work and the risks are extremely serious. The autogyro,

or some similar invention, may soon make short-distance flying fairly safe, but trips like these, where four or more hundred miles of monsoon-troubled seas have to be crossed, will long remain far beyond the range of normal air traffic. Pilots of the future, now little round-headed schoolboys, may, twenty years from now, steer aerial argosies along this route and, marvelling at Cobham's courage, compare his aeroplane with theirs as ocean liner captains might look upon Columbus's caravel.

ONCE more the Bank Holiday has left behind it its horrid trail of litter, and once more we are left helplessly wondering how a greater sense of decency in this respect can be instilled into the holiday-makers. A recent case in the Highgate Police Court suggests a method. A woman was fined five shillings for throwing away the pieces of torn-up letters in Finsbury Park, and that though there was a public waste-paper basket ready to her hand. All honour to the park-keeper who gave evidence against her and to the magistrate who inflicted the penalty. He must be a wise man, for he made the punishment fit the crime. It is not a heinous crime and does not deserve condign punishment; but it is an act which shows in those who commit it a lamentable lack of respect for beautiful places, for the feelings of others and, for that matter, for themselves. If these qualities are not born in people, a few more fines may do a good deal towards cultivating them. The same may be said of another nuisance, the motor car owner who will not respect the law as to silencers. Another line might to-day be added to the Lord High Executioner's famous song, "The noisy motorist I've got him on the list." The Home Secretary has recently warned him, and we hope the warning may be followed by a practical demonstration.

A WRITER in the *Times*, a few days back, was both eloquent and amusing in urging the signing of Christian names at full length and not merely initials. He made out an excellent case, and, no doubt, as he said, "J. Milton might be anyone," but so, it may be said on the other side, might "William Grace." If the case of "W. G." stands something apart, so towering was his stature, what of A. G. Steel or C. T. Studd or S. M. J. Woods, to quote three other illustrious examples? If there were no initials, the enthusiastic student of games would be much the poorer in the matter of romance. To descend from the romantic to the practical, it seems to us that that leader-writer did not make one strong point on his side of the question. He said nothing of women's signatures. Yet it is surely essential that women should sign their Christian names. If they only use initials their correspondents write to them as "So-and-So, Esquire," and are subsequently much embarrassed when they find out their mistake.

CAN the world continue to feed its growing population? This was the problem Sir Daniel Hall dealt with in his particularly lucid and able address to the Agricultural Section of the British Association. Sir Daniel gave us a new index of human consumption by estimating that it requires two and a half acres of cultivated land to feed each unit of a white population. This, at present, calls for an annual addition of twelve million acres to the cultivated area of the world. No such addition is going on, and his suggestion is that the land of suitable climate and character is becoming limited in quantity. Alternatively, however, a much more intensive production is possible on the area already cultivated, since one half of the world's supply is grown in countries where the average yield is less than thirteen bushels per acre. But here the determining factor is labour, and until the shortage causes a rise in price, no very great intensification can be expected. As Sir Josiah Stamp pointed out, the world, for the last half-century, has been getting its food below cost. The American farmers, who cut wheat prices for all the world, earned their profits not on wheat, but on increased land values. The peasant farmers of Europe survive because they are content to work long hours for small gains. Agriculture in England has been similarly subsidised by its farm labourers, by its

landowners who have been satisfied with 2 per cent. or less on their capital, and by its farmers who are unable or unwilling to seek alternative occupations. Thus, the problem, is fundamentally economic.

MR. PAGE GASTON, the American antiquary, suggests that, if the fifteen threatened City churches "go," they should "go" to America or the Dominions, and the Church be correspondingly enriched. This rather upsets the protestations of those who tell us that the Union of Benefices Bill is designed to safeguard the churches. The City churches were designed to be largely concealed by other buildings and to fit irregular sites, and, consequently, would look ludicrous planted down in new, raw places. Before it is too late, for London at least, the Ancient Monuments Act should be revised to bring it up to the strength of modern legislation of the same type as exemplified in Italy. There, churches cannot be altered, let alone demolished, without consent of the Government. The Government even has power to veto alterations that would impair the beauty of famous scenes. For instance, a proposal to build a shopping arcade in the Piazza del Duomo at Florence and the project for joining Venice to the mainland by a motor road have been scotched in the last year or two by Signor Mussolini.

MADAM, WILL YOU WALK . . . ?

" Madam, will you walk with me ?
Nay, I vow I'll use you well :
For your feet to press shall be
Amaranth and asphodel,
Every pale and twilight flower
From whose chalices has fled
Burning incense of love's hour
I beneath your feet will spread.
Where no voices cry aloud,
Where no sword is, and no thora,
Fiery token, flaming cloud,
At my will you shall be borne.
Madam, take me by the hand,
Not more icy than your own,
I would have you understand
Bread I give not, but a stone,
Under which you shall lie fast—
What though worms devour the flesh ?
Only thus shall come at last
Freedom from the body's mesh.
Only thus you shall forget
How that joy which pierced thee through,
Through thy bosom pierces yet,
Star-like—"

" Sir, I'll walk with you."

PHYLLIS MEGROZ.

ROMANTIC sentiment is, no doubt, at the bottom of our desire to preserve old buildings, just as it is at the bottom of any effort to make the actual world around us approximate more nearly to the ideal world of our imagination. It is the sentimental love of romance that brings the annual stream of visitors to the Old from the New World. Yet, while one section of the community is exerting itself to attract the foreign visitor by inducing him to explore farther afield among our old cities and villages, another section is constantly seeking to demolish whatever of interest these places contain. Fortunately, romanticism is slowly acquiring a practical régime. We publish to-day an appeal from the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings for contributions towards a small fund to enable the Society to conduct a survey of our picturesque bridges. Fifty pounds is needed before the end of this month, and the proprietors of COUNTRY LIFE have already subscribed £10. We also have before us the year books of the said S.P.A.B., the National Trust, and the still young Ancient Monuments Society, that has been formed to serve romance in the north of England—its former home, but now the most fertile source of a hard-headed, and thick-headed, realism. These reports tell a tale of vigorous and, on the whole, successful effort to preserve the scenes that make the face of England lovable. But they also record a deplorable tale of destruction.

BEN WATSON—SHOOTS

By C. J. CUTCLIFFE HYNE.

*In this issue of COUNTRY LIFE we introduce our readers to a new character in sporting literature—Ben Watson, Yorkshireman, philosopher and grouse enthusiast. Ben is a student of wild nature—and human nature—and we may look upon him as a *Jorrocks* of the grouse moor. This short sketch will give a taste of his quality. In succeeding issues we shall, in serial form, chronicle the tale of his self-education as a sportsman.*

“**T**HERE’S other fowl,” said Ben Watson, “that’s all right to shoot and to eat if you can’t get anything better, but the grouse-bird tops the lot, like our King does all the rest of folk that wear trousers. That’s Cockburn’s ‘96, Mister. Fill up. Well, here’s grouse shooting, and may all our moors be fifty per cent. better than they were last year. We can do with that, and more. Of all teetotal drinks I’ve struck, port’s the best, if it’s got enough body in it.”

“Cockburn’s ‘96 would appeal to the simplest mind,” the little Vicar agreed. “What are the prospects of birds for this year, Ben?”

“I’ll tell you at lunch-time on the Twelfth, Mister.”

“Or maybe on the sixth, Ben. You’ve a shooting party for the Twelfth, and you’ve asked me, and we’re dining here, and I know to a nicety we’re going to eat some nicely hung birds, and—well, get on with it.”

The crows’ feet round one of Ben Watson’s blue eyes quivered slightly. “We don’t speak of them few birds that are shot by accident, Mister. But as you say, there’s the Missis and her housekeeping to consider, and I must own that George and me do occasionally shoot crooked a few days before the Twelfth, when we’re out, for instance, after them stoats on Red Fell. I’ve even known a brace of nice well grown young birds get up right and left and collect some pellets that were meant for an old stoat. Wonderful how shot spreads. But we never take more than the two-three brace that’s wanted for the house. I don’t hold with providing early birds for chaps that isn’t shooters—Mister, you needn’t trouble to lift that decanter after you’ve filled up. Push it round in the coaster.”

“Good crop of stoats, this way, Ben?”

“George is getting on the top of them a bit, and I help week-ends when I can stay away from business. They got to a rare head during the War, and with our limestone rocks and limestone walls for bedrooms, and rabbits swarming, they’re bad to ‘tice into a trap. Still, George is fairish.”

“And Ben’s a master-trapper. They tell me down at the low-end of the Dale he’s even been known to kill foxes up on the Abbey Fell.”

“You got that from the Vale o’ York Hunt, Mister. I sent those beggars down three and a half couple, and it looked to me I was standing my corner pretty well. But, of course, they was hill foxes and did not give much sport in a flat country. Hounds only accounted for a couple and a half. The others probably set their noses for home, and are back here at work, with an extra twist, and no union rates about hours. But them as makes a song about killing foxes on the high limestone hills knows little about

grouse-keeping. And it wasn’t as if we’d hounds to help.”

“You might start a foot-pack, Ben.”

“And have all the farmers down on me with bills for gap-walling that would bankrupt me. I think not. And another thing: they tell me those foot-packs, like they have in the Lakes, run their fox, and yowl quite correctly, but never kill him. Now I want grouse, Mister, on my moors, and grouse can’t live on the same land with foxes, or stoats, or carrion crows. Hawks I don’t bother about, seeing that somebody shot the pair of peregrines that nested in Ravenscraig, and blackheaded gulls I don’t waste shot over either seeing they don’t nest on my ground. If there was a gullery, I don’t say George wouldn’t have instructions to supply the market that thinks plovers’ eggs a luxury. But there isn’t, and, besides, I like to see ‘em flying. Pretty thing, a blue and white black-headed gull creaking along over the moor, admiring the heather, and looking for a bit of dead sheep.”

“I hate to think of you sending the poor millionaires at Monte Carlo nasty gulls’ eggs at ten francs a time when they think they’re getting green plover.”

“Poof!” said Ben, pushing the decanter down the smooth-skinned oak, “that sort only judge food by its price. Till a man’s learned by catching his grub, or shooting it for himself, where it really comes from, and what it ought to taste like, he’s a fair mark. It’s not swindling to rob him. There are even bishops that’ll tell you that’s right. But talking of bishops reminds me of temperatures, and those are what has wrecked our Yorkshire grouse moors. Year after year in the breeding season we’ve had twenty, and sometimes up to twenty-three degrees of frost; and that’ll crack every egg on the moors. An old hen grouse under the lee of a heather bush will pull up her coat collar and sit through seven or eight degrees, and think nothing of it. But ten below makes her feel lonely, and begin to think she can’t put the business through; and up she gets

with a splutter, and off she skims along the slopes till she brings up in some thin spinney down in the Dale like my one at the top of Borrans, and peacocks on the bough of a tree as clever as a rook. About then’s the only time your parishioners and the cats do a bit of grouse poaching.”

“And the moor has to worry along on second clutches?”

“Which make small late chickens that I’d as lief be without. If they last through summer they generally pine at the first touch of autumn, and the one in the hundred that pulls through to next spring never makes good breeding stock. There’s just one thing second clutch birds is good for, Mister.”

“Meaning?”

“Shoot ‘em when you can, and put ‘em in a pie with some bacon and a nice bit of steak. But on most moors you’ll always find keepers and



BEN WATSON. (Gilbert Holiday)

beaters contrive to let cheepers slip away at the edges of the drive, instead of sending them over the butts to get what's good for them. Baby killing, some folks call it. But they're the ones that read books, and haven't been brought up amongst grouse moors. George goes further than me over that. George always says he'd like to breed a peregrine or two to pick off the weakly ones the guns don't catch. I see jealous George would breed his grouse as big and as strong as eagles if all his theories hatched out. But George is the best keeper in Wharfedale for all his faults, and there isn't a man in all the West Riding that can cure a ham better."

"I gave George a book last Christmas on *strongylus peregrinus*," said the little parson, "and showed him some snappy microscope slides."

Ben drank up the wine in his glass and used the decanter. Also he grinned, all over his lean, red, clean-shaven face. "I know you did, Mister, and George and his pocket knife and his magnifying glass were into every inch of grouse-gut they could get hold of. Little thready things those worms are, and there isn't a grouse-bird living that's without some. But you stick your microscope into those second-clutch birds I was telling about, and you'll know why they're better off in a pie. George was much bucked up with that book. For a whole month he thought he was just wasted as my keeper and general man, and was thinking of setting up for himself as a cow-doctor. But he nearly made a coroner's inquest of Jim Lodge's Henry that he was practising on before he got on to valuable things like cattle, and that shook his nerve. If you want a ham cured, George is still ready to oblige in his spare time, and if I were you, Mister, I'd go look over that pig Stephen Thwaite's going to kill next week, and bespeak one. I've the marass. I'm looking forward to having it on the table three years from now."

"You haven't told me yet, Ben, what I wanted to know, and that's how do the grouse prospects look for this coming season."

"North Riding, Scotland and the other adjacent islands are outside my beat, Mister, but as regards this pleasant country of Wharfedale and the grouse moors near, I'll lay you two ten-gallon casks of what ale you pick, to half the next two-gallon jar of that whiskey you get from Leith for your keg, that the moors here, lumped together, beat last year's bag by fifteen per cent. Mark you, that's not much. In good times, from Bolton Abbey up to the top of the Dale, I reckon we gathered 30,000 brace. Last year I doubt if the bag touched 3,000. And we had a mighty cold wet snap this last nesting season. You know what I'm like, week-ends, Mister. One moor or another, I've been over all of them I've an interest in, with a spaniel at my heels. But the birds know. And, good season or bad, they don't flutter up out of the heather even with a dog stirring them—which as a rule I don't allow—till they look in the birds' calendar and find it's the Twelfth. That isn't science, but it's fact. So it's a gamble, and I believe the bet's a fair one. Are you on?"

"I'm on. But here's a pointer. Aeroplanes are already arranged for to take before-lunch Wharfedale grouse for evening's dinner in London on the Twelfth. What about that?"

Ben Watson got out of his straight-backed chair, all 6ft. of him, and stretched out his dalesman-grouse shooter's hump, and so stood six feet one. The grey-muzzled spaniel on the hearthrug grunted, and turned over to sleep on the other flank. The little Vicar straightened his scraggy neck.

"Grouse shot that day, to be ate the same night? Quite so. It'll suit the diners that get them. It's what they're used to."

"How's that?"

"In Jordandale, Mister, where those diners lived when young, I understand all birds are eaten the day they are shot. There's one sad thing about this Cockburn's '96."

The Parson twinkled "Which, Ben?"

"The small amount of it there is in a bottle, Mister," said Ben Watson.

YACHT RACING AT COWES

BY FRANCIS B. COOKE.

COWES REGATTA, which concluded last Friday evening with the usual firework display, was the most successful held since the outbreak of the great war, and the attendance of yachts in the Roads the largest seen for a good many years. The enjoyment of a yachting festival of this nature depends a good deal upon the weather, and visitors to Cowes were fortunate in that respect this year, for no rain fell until the afternoon of the closing day. It is true that from a racing point of view a little more wind would have been desirable on one or two days, but, taken all round, the weather conditions were as nearly ideal as could reasonably be expected.

The scene from the shore was delightful. Clustered round the great 5,000-ton Victoria and Albert was a fleet of magnificent pleasure craft, far too numerous for individual mention, which included representatives of many countries. Of the foreign visitors few excited more interest than the little American schooner Primrose IV, which recently crossed the Atlantic, manned by a crew of four undergraduates, to compete in the ocean race round the Fastnet Light, which will start from Cowes on the 14th inst. The small schooners designed by John Alden have attained a world-wide reputation for speed and sea-going qualities, and Primrose is the first of them to be seen in British waters. Another craft that attracted a good deal of attention was Mayfly, a small yacht said to have been built in his garden

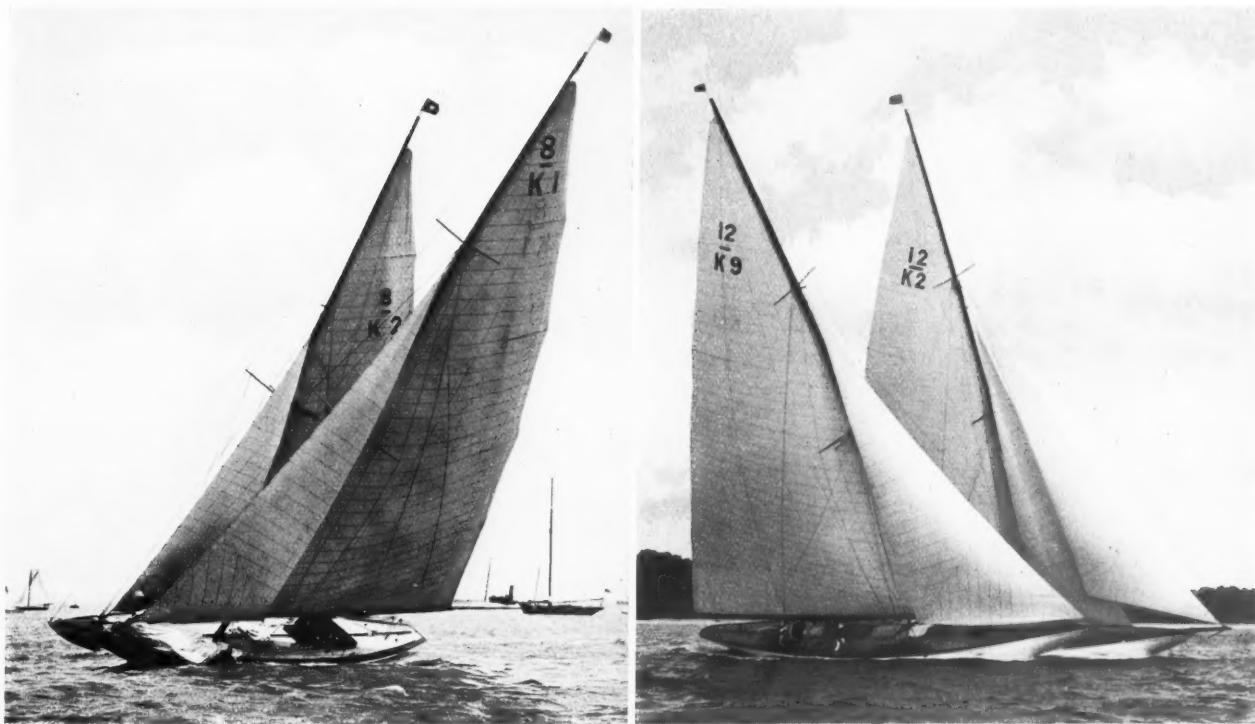


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THE BIG CLASS STARTING.

From left to right the yachts are Britannia, Lulworth, White Heather and Shamrock.

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A DUEL BETWEEN TWO OF THE EIGHT-METRE CLASS.

THE DORIS AND THE NORESCA IN CLOSE CONTEST.

by Lord Albemarle, who had made a smart passage of twenty-three hours in her from Burnham-on-Crouch. The number of racing craft engaged was very large, the entries in the various classes amounting in the aggregate to well over a hundred. As most of the vessels had been ashore for an overhaul the previous week, they looked very smart with their fresh paint. Ashore, a great crowd thronged the front all day and every day, the liveliest interest being manifested in the doings afloat.

Nominally, Cowes Week did not open until Monday, August 2nd, but the yachts had a preliminary canter under the burgee of the Royal Southampton Yacht Club on the previous Saturday, when the principal classes were engaged. The King sailed for the first time this season in Britannia, but the wind was so light and fickle until about six o'clock that the royal cutter gave up. White Heather at last broke her long spell of bad luck, securing her first victory of the season, beating Shamrock home by less than a minute. In the handicap class Sir Howard Frank's 19-metre cutter Norada, which now sports a Bermudian rig, was the winner, the second prize going to Corona and the third to the 15-metre cutter The Lady Anne. In the 12-metre class the old yachts Vanity and Noresca beat the new Fife boats Moyana and Modesty rather easily, while in the 8-metre division the Norwegian

designed Norn won from Emily and Margaret. The feature of the day was the brilliant win of Oslo in the 6-metre class, the boat being very cleverly sailed by Prince Olaf, who was accompanied by the designer, Mr. J. Anker.

Cowes Week proper opened on August 2nd under the burgee of the Royal London Y.C., the wind again being very light. In the big class White Heather repeated her success of Saturday, but only got home a few seconds ahead of Britannia, whose light-weather sailing has been much improved by her recent alterations. In the handicap class the veteran commodore of the Royal Corinthian Y.C., Mr. Fred Last, secured a very popular victory with Cestrian, winning the handsome trophy presented by Sir Howard Frank, whose Norada finished second, but lost on time to Dorina and Thanet. In the International 12-metre class, Mr. J. R. Payne's Vanity won again from Noresca. Norn won very easily in the 8-metre division and Prince Olaf's Oslo repeated her success in the 6-metre class.

The regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron opened the following day, races for a number of small yacht classes also being given by the Royal London Y.C. The event of the day was the race for His Majesty's Cup, which, as usual, took the form of a handicap for all yachts belonging to the Squadron exceeding 15 tons



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H.M. THE KING'S YACHT BRITANNIA RACING WHITE HEATHER.



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THE CORONA COMING UP THE SOLENT.



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THE SIX-METRE CLASS IN FULL SAIL.

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register. There were six starters, ranging in size from 51 to 153 tons, and as the vessels were of widely divergent type, considerable time allowances were necessary to bring them together. Coral, indeed, received no less than 1 hour 42 minutes 44 seconds and ultimately won the Cup with approximately twenty minutes in hand. In such circumstances racing is apt to degenerate into a mere contest against the clock, and is not of much interest either to those engaged or to spectators.

The ten races for local classes provided by the Royal London Y.C. enjoyed more than a hundred entries and capital racing was witnessed. In the 6-metre class Miss Anthony's Mowgli II won after a great struggle with Felma and Echo, a few seconds covering the three boats at the finish. A large fleet of the Solent Sunbeams turned out and had a keen race, which resulted in favour of Mr. F. W. Leith's Joy, a boat that has been at, or near, the head of the class for some years past. These Sunbeams are particularly nice little craft and, costing but half the price of a 6-metre yacht, are extremely popular in the Solent and other districts. Mr. Morgan Giles, the well known designer, won the match for national 14ft. dinghies with Tess, and Fenella was successful in the West Solent Restricted Class.

On Wednesday the yachts of the big class had a reaching wind and Westward, revelling in the conditions, secured a runaway victory from Shamrock and Britannia. White Heather had the misfortune to carry away a runner block when well placed, a mishap that caused her retirement. In the handicap class Norada again led the fleet home, but lost on time to the 15-metre cutter, The Lady Anne, the third prize going to Thanet. Cestrian, which had lost her mast the previous day, was absent, as also was Moonbeam. In the 12-metre division Mr. J. R. Payne's

Vanity secured her fourth successive victory, Modesty and Doris taking the other prizes. The 6-metre race brought out thirteen boats, the verdict going to Zenith after a keen race with Felma and Echo, while Fenella won again in the West Solent Restricted Class.

On Thursday the prizes for the principal event were presented by the inhabitants of Cowes. Unfortunately, it was a day of light and baffling airs which rendered racing very slow and tedious, all the matches being stopped at the end of the first round. Lulworth had the best of the puff-hunting game and leading home from Shamrock and White Heather, secured her first victory of the week. In the handicap, the prizes went to Dorina, Sumurun and The Lady Anne, while in the 12-metre class the new Fife boats Moyana and Modesty at last succeeded in beating Vanity, which had to rest content with third prize. The 6-metre class was again at full strength, the prizes being taken by Felma, Suzette and Reg in the order named. Prince Olaf was particularly unlucky in this race as he was over the line at the start and could not recross it for an hour, owing to lack of wind.

On Friday, the concluding day of the regatta, capital racing conditions obtained, there being a fine westerly breeze which remained true all day. To the joy of the public the Royal cutter Britannia won for the first time during the week, Lulworth taking second prize. The veteran cutter took the lead in the closing stages of the match, ultimately beating Lulworth home by 69 seconds. Shamrock, which had led throughout the first round and for part of the second, broke her spinnaker boom. In the handicap, Sir Howard Frank's Norada sailed well and led the fleet home, but just failed to save her time on Thanet; The Lady Anne taking third prize.

THE SEASON OF

AT this time of the year a typical British institution is in full swing: it is the season of local flower shows. These are stern occasions, when plants, sometimes individual, sometimes in groups, compete against each other. Schedules are arranged so that everyone in the neighbourhood may have a chance. Much thought is given to the difficult question of what classes to enter. Once that is settled, even more care is taken of the plants chosen, and as the day approaches the entire household spends sleepless nights over a dozen onions, a favoured rose bush or a row of sweet peas. For this showing of flowers, fruit or vegetables is a serious business. It is not only rivalry; for it is more subtle than the question whether Jack Jones has better tomatoes than Tom Smith. Perhaps it goes back to the days when the products of the soil in the British Isles were counted of more importance than they are now. At any rate the honour of the family is at stake, and harder and harder they work to gain a prize.

Then the great day opens. The village hall is swept and garnished. Outside there are races for the youngsters and, if the village can count a sufficient number of heads, a travelling show will be in full blast throughout the day with merry-go-rounds and swings and shooting galleries. The exhibitors try to show their nonchalance, as if they did not care whether they won a prize or not. The judges go round and the list of awards is put up. Then there is jollification for the rest of the day and the fun waxes fast and furious. Plants and their upkeep are forgotten until it is time to think of the next show.

That, in a way, is a typical small flower show. The bother of it is that it might all be so much better. The exhibits are often of first-class quality, but few know how to exhibit; for exhibiting successfully is as important as the cultivation of the plants. A stuffy tent or a bare hall with whitewashed walls and trestle tables is not the happiest place to show plants attractively. That being the case, it behoves the exhibitor to take special pains, and that, oddly enough, is what he rarely does. The arrangement of a vase or a plate of fruit, in order to show it

FLOWER SHOWS

off to its best advantage, may be a knack, but it is a knack that can be learnt. Why should the ordinary gardener, whether amateur or professional, spend hour after hour in tending his show plants and then push flowers into a vase or heap fruit on a plate with little or no thought? There is no sense of balance in such a haphazard business. When it is known that a successful raiser of carnations may have three men working for hours before a show in bartering and sprucing up blooms that are already grown for show purposes, it proves that there is something lacking in the method of ordinary amateur showing. To give detailed advice on the intricate subject of showing would take pages; but there are three rules that may help. Never overcrowd your exhibit; it is better to have too few than too many blooms. Never cut your flowers or pick your fruit in full sun; they should be brought into the house two or three hours before they are wanted, and flowers should be sunk in a pail of water up to their necks. Try and make your exhibit as attractive as possible to the ordinary eye. The judges are only human and have an eye for the exhibit that is well arranged as well as showing quality.

That is the average show where all have a chance in one or other of the classes of a long schedule. There is another class of show that is never heard of outside a small circle; that is the specialist show. In various parts of the country special plants have a particular vogue; in one area tulips, in another chrysanthemums, and so on. It is in a case of this kind that the rivalry is most keen. The oddest of all is the cult of the gooseberry, that used to send many a cottager on the borders of Yorkshire and Lancashire wild with excitement. This craze may still exist. In this case gooseberry clubs were formed, where large prizes were given for the largest gooseberry. A member might only have one bush in a backyard, but this would be the apple of his eye. It would be tended night and day, and the berries selected would have a jampot of water placed close to them, with a wick which would drop water every so often on the berry: for the bursting point of a gooseberry's skin is a matter of extreme nicety and water keeps it soft and pliable. Then on

the show day the berry was picked and wrapped in cotton wool, and the exhibitor marched off to the back parlour of a public-house, where the judge would be sitting with a pair of scales in front of him borrowed from the local chemist. Then the winners

of the various clubs would collect and the winning berries of the districts would be weighed and the champion discovered. That this is no passing phase is shown by the fact that printed records of these gooseberry shows exist extending over 140 years. R. H.

CUSTOMERS AND CLIENTS

HERE is a terrible practice which is gaining ground among those of us who are tradesmen (big and little tradesmen)—the practice, I mean, of calling our customers "clients." It is a part, I suppose, of what has been most disgustfully described as "the urge to advancement," a thing at once silly, inevitable, pathetic and completely understandable. It seems that any profession—with the possible exception of that of Christianity, if the pessimism of the clergy is to be relied upon—is now commonly regarded as being, essentially, a higher thing than any trade: in consequence, every week you may see it announced at a business luncheon that yet another trade has been "raised to the dignity of a profession." Anybody who is not yet sure of his position is, naturally, very anxious that other people should respect it, but when once you start what we may perhaps agree to call "the rot," there is no telling where it will end. From business it has already spread to recreation; and if you need proof of this statement you will find it in the fact that additions are now being made almost daily to the list of games which are miscalled sports.

I object to it. I am terrified at the notion. It seems to me inevitable that if games are to become sports our sport will, more and more, tend to take on the characteristics of a game. The danger, in case you have not appreciated it and by way of illustrating my meaning, is this: I myself am known as the worst games player in England—not, perhaps, well known, but known. "He is the worst cricketer. . . . He is quite the worst golfer"—how often have my ears glowed red when people have said these things. But has any one of us ever heard ourself described as "the worst hunting-man"? Never! The thing, as you say, would be ridiculous—but for how long is it going to remain so?

Until this customer-client complex developed, the position was perfectly clear: Hunting, shooting, fishing—these were sports, and you could divide them by something more than a comma, or not, just as you pleased. Racing was racing, and the rest were games.

The test was a quite simple one. If it was possible to establish a "record" in your sporting game, it could never be a sport. The possibilities of sport are unlimited, and the very fact that records are possible in games shows us their limitations. I do not know what is at present the record score in, for example, a game of Rugby football—but any good mathematician could work out for us what is the highest possible record. He would imagine—if it were not too painful to do so—an International team opposed by fifteen people of about my own calibre: provided he had his multiplication table handy and knew the shortest distance to be run in order to score a try, it would be the simplest thing in the world to make the necessary calculations. And only the "three-times" table would be required; for no team playing against me would stop to convert a goal at two points when they might be using the time to get several more tries at three points each.

The sports have no such limitations; records in sport are impossible. For example, the weight of a salmon can, properly speaking, bear no relation to the sport of a day's fishing. It has long since been proved that the size of a fish is entirely dependent upon the imagination of the fisherman: it is a thing, that is to say, wholly incalculable for purposes of record, and, for this if for no other reason, human nature being what it is, fishing will always remain a sport.

At first glance one might think that shooting was perilously near the border line. I myself knew a young shooter who, on a hot September morning, shot fourteen flying partridges with one barrel of a 28-bore gun. It was a good many years ago, but I do not think that I shall ever forget that shot. At that age we were, perhaps, a little jealous of each other's achievements, the least bit quick in pointing out each other's shortcomings in sportsmanship: in the previous field, desperately anxious to equal his bag (of one partridge, up to that point), I had picked my bird with particular care. I chose the last bird of the covey as they skimmed over the roots in front of us, and I remember that it did just flash through my mind that the bird was a very poor flyer, even for September. I gave it two barrels, and tried to appear neither proud nor surprised when the bird fell. But, when I saw the slow smile of the old keeper and the quick grin of my young companion, I began to wish vaguely that it had not fallen. . . .

As we walked on, I bent down to pick up my partridge . . . and did pick up my young (September)—pheasant. I felt very red in the face as we trudged through the rough high grass of the next field, and I considered, desperately, what I could do to make the other boy forget this hideous incident. I was still considering when, with the horrid unexpectedness which partridges which I am walking have always displayed, an immense covey suddenly exploded at the other boy's feet.

There were, I suppose, four or five good coveys in that pack—an unexpected sight so early in the season—and as the other boy fired it was as if he had cut a hole in a brown curtain. The silence was strained when we began to pick up the birds. It was too strained. At about the seventh bird we began to giggle: at the ninth bird the old keeper began to giggle. Wiping his eyes as he picked up the thirteenth, he waved his retriever on into the next field. In two minutes she topped the five-barred gate again, the fourteenth bird in her mouth.

I judge it to have been a record. It was not sport: "Lord! What a game!" was what the old keeper said about it, and, technically speaking, I believe he was right.

But, however dangerously fishing and shooting have approached the sport-games' borderline from time to time, hunting has always hitherto kept well clear of it. In hunting there are no "records" to make you and me ashamed of each other's performances.

In saying this, neither you nor I will forget Monday, December 22nd, 1884, when the Belvoir Hounds met at Harby. You will remember that Frank Gillard, the Belvoir huntsman, described the run from Harby Covert to Welby Osierbed as by far the finest he ever saw in the "best season on record." The Belvoir had covered eighteen miles in an hour and thirty minutes, with a seven-mile point, when "the Quorn Hounds and 'field' suddenly appeared upon the scene"; and the old grey fox of Harby Covert went away from Flint Hill with forty-five couples of the combined packs after his brush.

To Gillard, hunting the combined packs, this twenty-six mile run on "the finest lire in Leicestershire" may well have seemed a record, "a fox-hunting masterpiece." Is it a record to you or me? Certainly not. That great authority, Mr. Henry Davenport, in reminding us of this Belvoir-Quorn hunt, has complained, more in sorrow than in anger, that you and I have no standards nowadays, that our "brilliant gallops" would have been set down as false starts in the days when Frank Gillard was carrying the horn. If this is a true criticism (and, coming from such an authority, it seems to have a nasty sting of truth in it), you and I must at all costs not listen to it. We must fight to the last against this setting-up of standards. For it has been the charm and the glory of our fox-hunting days that you and I have retained so vivid a memory of these false starts of ours that we are able to lump the whole lot together—and think of them as the run of our lives.

I know quite well what has happened. Mr. Davenport and his friends have overheard what you were saying when hounds checked, that time in Merriby water-meadows. You were a little flushed, if I remember rightly, and you were certainly talking rather fast. But since you had come the last two miles at racing (or hell's bells) speed and had flown five great, hairy fences and smashed a gate to smithereens in the process, I personally thought you were being rather quiet about it all.

It has to be remembered that fox-hunting is only kept alive by the existence of you people who hunt to ride. Of those who know enough to ride in order to hunt—to give themselves the pleasure of watching hounds at work—the number is so small that if compelled to rely upon them for its support fox-hunting would die a rapid, if distinguished, death. For that reason I would, in any case, beg you to go on having your "brilliant gallops," even if I were not terrified lest this clamouring for standards should eventually succeed in turning our sport into a game.

Besides, I am not altogether prepared to accept this criticism of you. I myself am one of those tiresome, nervous people who are frightened to give the lie direct to the Masters, but history sometimes rushes in where fools fear to tread: Sheltering myself behind the history of 1806 onwards—in which exact year it is now laid down that "hard-riding came into fashion"—I cannot find that those who talk about standards have a leg on which to standardise. The fact is that the whole trouble arises because, so far from always burbling about "brilliant gallops," we, to-day, are inclined to use almost painfully sober language in describing our sport.

For example, I found among some of last year's press cuttings two paragraphs headed "Hunting. Many Fine Runs." "Now, Masters," I say to myself with babu-like excitement, "we will show you a something!" But what do I find? The Bicester had "a good afternoon hunt," the Middleton "an excellent hunt of 50 min.," with the Southwold, "Hounds provided two enjoyable gallops"—I pick these as being among the more enthusiastic descriptions of what the details show to have been a great day's sport. Is this any language for "Many Fine Runs"? If you think it is, I would ask you to look over my shoulder at a twenty-page pamphlet called "A Few of my Most Favourite Fox Chases in East Sussex, by John Kent of Southease"—written "for private circulation" one hundred

years ago. John Kent did not have "enjoyable gallops": "We run that slapping chase, which lasted one hour, without a check . . ." says John Kent, "this was a most tremendous day," "Here was fox hunting in all its splendour." A "splendid chase" of twenty-five miles in two hours and ten minutes was "a tiptop thing, not a horse could live with them." But when a very distinguished authority on fox-hunting in the Leicestershire of to-day tells us of performances rivalling and excelling those of John Kent, his language is hopelessly moderate. He confines himself, for example, to a quiet observation that he has "seen hounds run five miles in seventeen minutes, which," he says, with a restraint which would have been very painful to John Kent, "would be at the rate of at least sixteen miles an hour." It would not: it would be at the rate of seventeen and eleven-seventeenths (I do hope I am right) miles an hour—and if there is to be much more talk about standards John Kent and I would be better pleased if he called it twenty.

Now, supposing that we were ever foolish enough to risk making game of our sport by trying to work out exact comparisons between the distances, points and times of 1806 and of to-day—how much farther should we get? I am thankful to say, no farther. This would be no affair of stop-watches and multiplication sums: the unfortunate mathematician who was confronted with *this* sum would have to work out a problem in algebra where x was the clipping-machine, barbed wire, and patent manure of to-day, and y the abominable horse-mastership and bad draining of 1806. And if the answer to the sum were found to be "a lemon" at half-time or sooner, that would be to bring sport as near to games as can safely be done.

If I have insolently suggested that there is a smack of snobbery in the present-day anxiety to make trade a profession, I have freely admitted that fear of being judged inefficient is at the back of my personal objection to having sport regulated as a game. But, whatever my personal motives, these hysterical cries for altered standards *must*, somehow, be suffocated. Trade must remain trade, and the professions a gamble between super-tax and starvation: games must be games, calling for efficiency and concentration, and bidding us get on or get out. And the sports must continue to provide a haven of refuge for those of us who, too stupid for trade, too clumsy for games, unable to profess, yet have a love which seeks expression for the country things, the country ways, and the country men of England.

Among the unauthenticated sayings of the Virgin Queen is her celebrated reply to a visiting royalty who was tactless enough to suggest a game of chess. "The only game," announced the Queen (who had never learnt to play chess but did not much want to say so), "the only game that I play at—is the Bloody Game of War." Now, if Elizabeth was no games player, she liked sport and she loved England. I am, as you

will have gathered, a muddle-minded person, but it seems to me that through this sports-games tangle there runs a thread which, if one of you can seize and tug it, will straighten out the whole thing. One end of the thread is a boy who shot fourteen flying partridges with one barrel of a 28-bore gun, and, *via* Elizabeth of England, the thread runs on. For, at a later date, this same boy decided he would be a soldier, playing at war; and in due time he attended for that loathsome form of inquisition, the *viva voce* examination.

They asked him only one question, and they asked it in French, requesting, in their fiendish way, a reply in that same language. "What," they demanded, "is your reason for wishing to join the English Army?"

When he told me about it, I groaned. It was so obvious that the question called for a flow of impassioned Gallic; there should have been some reference to the strategy of the Little Corporal, to the iron discipline of the Duke, the glory of Britain in Arms: it would, perhaps, have clinched matters if he could have ended by standing upon his chair and singing to them a battle-song—"Malbrouck s'en va t'en guerre." But I knew that his vocabulary, his grammar and, above all, his accent were totally unequal to the strain. I waited, in horror, to hear in French his official reason for wanting to join the Army.

"I only said three words," he explained (but, with his execrable accent, he made them sound like four)—"I just said 'Pah Sker Le Sport'!"

To the eternal credit of the examiners they passed him—in French! They ploughed him in algebra. I suppose they were not satisfied that he could work out those x y sums fast enough to lead a troop of cavalry. As a matter of fact they were wrong. A year or two later, sport, or England, or something, called him back to war from the other side of the world, and he had led away his troop while the examiners in Whitehall were still wrestling with a sum in x and y . It was not games that called him back; for war, while still bloody, had ceased to be a game since Elizabeth's day.

The thing, as I had hoped, is straightening out. It amounts to this. Sport must not become a game, a thing of records and standards—because, if it does, I shall not be asked to play any more. Games must not be called sports, since we cannot always be serious and there is something at the back of sport which is a rather serious matter. And finally, if we cannot keep humbug out of trade we must at all costs not let it work its way into recreation.

So far as fox-hunting is concerned, if it comes to the worst the fox himself must save us. I believe he will. To me it is inconceivable that "the old customer" will ever allow himself to be known as "our esteemed new client."

CRASCREDO.

MAN-EATING LEOPARD IN THE FRENCH CONGO

BY CAPTAIN W. D. M. BELL.

IN these days of easy and comfortable access to the great game haunts of Africa, with its attendant disadvantages in crowded hunting grounds, costly licences and harried game, it will come as pleasant news to many shooting men that there still awaits their coming a new country and new game.

The latter I will take first, ending up with directions for reaching the hunting grounds. The game is the leopard; but it is not the ordinary duiker and monkey-killing sort. It is a race of leopard that has taken to man-eating through a variety of causes, chief of which would seem to be the presence of sleeping sickness in the villages and the native custom of segregating the victims in camps at some little distance therefrom. Unable to defend themselves, and unattended by those able to do so, the miserable victims of Africa's scourge fall easy prey to leopard and hyena. As with lion, the habit of killing and eating man, once acquired, is never dropped by leopard, and when I was in that country just before the war the leopard had become so numerous and bold as to form a scourge scarcely less deadly than the

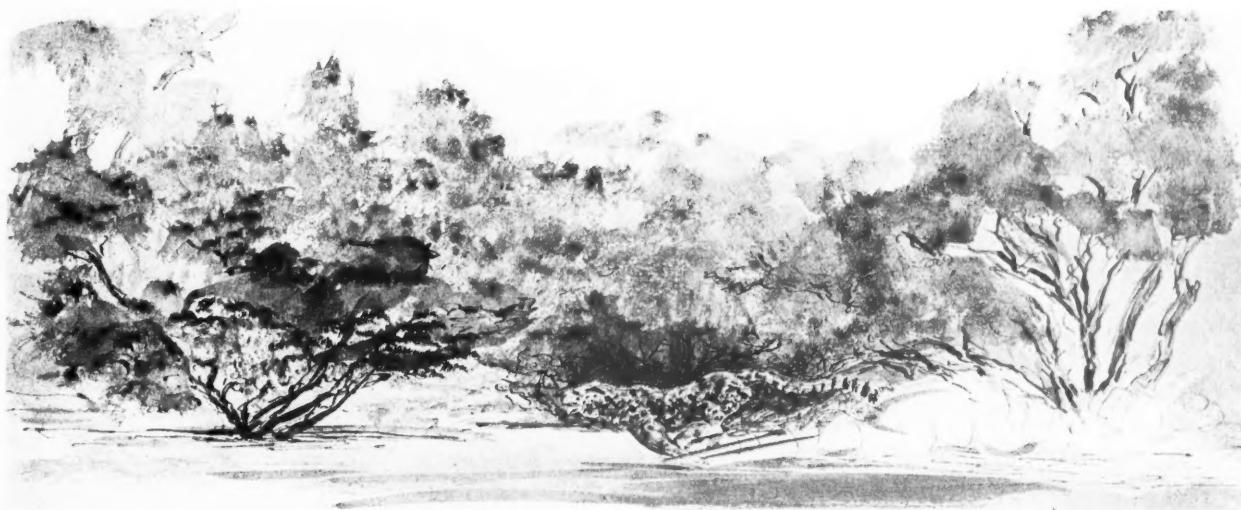


A GOOD CLEAN SHOT AT LEOPARD.

sickness itself. Their onslaughts appeared to set up no combative spirit among the natives. Attack after attack was received with an apathy incredible to the European mind. No counter-measures of any sort were taken. In time the whole country fell into a sort of trance of terror, extending even to the white men living there.

An instance of this occurred to me. I arrived one evening at a military post, where I received the usual hospitality of dinner and a house to sleep in. As usual, I had my camp bed placed on the open veranda, but when my hosts saw my boys erecting it there they were horrified. Leopard were all over the fort at night, they said. No man moved out after nightfall, in spite of a formidable breast-work all round the place. Sentries and everyone else were simply terrified. The whole place was hermetically sealed up after nightfall, as I soon learned as we sat sweltering in the heat at dinner.

It seemed to me a comic situation. Here was a force of 200 fighting men, white and black, armed with the deadly weapons of modern science—mitrailleuses throwing streams of high-velocity stream-lined



A MORE USUAL GLIMPSE OF LEOPARD.

bullets—all cooped up by a strolling cat or two. But so it was, and is for all I know to the contrary. When I suggested they should follow the tracks into the bush they had very many reasons why such experiments were bound to fail, but no one spoke from actual experience. It was very evident that no one wished to have anything to do with tracking pussy to her lair.

Among the natives the same lack of spirit prevailed, only here they had the excuse that, from time immemorial, leopard had been regarded as containing the spirits of the departed. Therefore they would not undertake to hunt up and destroy the raider themselves, nor would they help anyone else to do so. Yet, with their assistance many of those devastating cats could have been bagged, although their dogs proved to be as poor spirited as their masters.

I arrived one evening at a village and pitched my tent near by. They told me a boy had been taken in the night. In answer to the question, had he slept alone, it was said others were with him. The others were produced, and one of them said he had jabbed a spear at the animal. The victim was a small child of six or seven years.

That moonlight night I lay at the end of the space of the village commanding a view of almost every hut. Crickets sawed away in every tree; full-throated frog croaks came from the swamp and dogs barked, howled and wailed. Hour after hour droned away. One or two men, overcome with the crowd and heat of the tiny huts, drew forth their mats and threw themselves down in the sparkling moonlight. Suddenly there was a cough! Dead silence. Cough! cough! Not a sound now from the valiant pack. The sleepers-out flitted silently off, dragging their mats. The curs had already gone cowering into the huts. The village was as if dead or deserted. Cough! cough! Nearer and nearer.

In front of me was the quite open and clean space between the two rows of huts. If anything came out into that space I felt sure I would see it and be able to shoot. I had

had no difficulty in seeing and drawing a bead upon the village curs before they withdrew. I noticed that those so standing



IN THE MOONLIGHT.



LEOPARD STALKING BABOON.

towards me as to show some part of their body in shadow were the most clearly definable. The colour of the native dogs was a dirty yellow, not unlike the between-spots parts of a leopard, and I argued from this that I should have no great difficulty in seeing the enemy.

Meanwhile, there was not a whimper nor a sound from the huts. One would have thought they would be piling up the fires or making some preparation. But nothing. The complete dread of a deadly nightmare gripped all. Cold shivers ran up and down my spine as my eyes probed the shimmering space in front of me, and my head came round with a jerk to glance behind me, for, of course, the leopard might approach from any side. I began to think those fellows in India who get up a tree with an electric torch were not such muffs after all. A nice safe perch has great attractions at such a moment. Cough! cough! Very loud and near this time—and in front of me, thank goodness. Surely he must be almost in the village now. But, of course, he would nose round and maybe come in behind me yet. It was devilish exciting. God knows where my bullets will go, I thought, if he should appear between me and any of the double row of huts.

What was going on now I did not know. There was not a sound and I was beginning to feel that sickly desire for something to happen. But nothing did happen for what seemed a very long time. Then, quite suddenly, without any movement being apparent, there appeared the beast silhouetted sharply against the shadowed wall of one of the huts. What a perfect snip! But the leopard is a thin animal, and so is the mud and wattle wall of a native hut, and my bullet would tear through both of them at goodness knows what velocity. . . . He moved forward, left the shadowed wall, and at once became almost invisible. I do not believe I could have seen him at all, but for his shadow. From my low elevation this appeared almost as a

black line, and it was this black line with a grey shadowy thing above it which moved across the open space. Clear of the huts I fired into the forward part of the shadowy thing and had him. Broken spine and a devil of a racket. Biting at himself and kicking up dust, and noise enough for ten. I ran up and the gallant beast came slithering at me, dragging his hinder half, paralysed, behind him. But how near a miss was that shot. Curs first, then men, came out when I had shouted the news a dozen times. Some old men came and almost held the dear departed's hand. They seemed more awe-stricken, than glad to be rid of a pest.

And that is the point I would stress in connection with this game. The Government has offered what is a large reward to natives for every leopard killed, but nothing will move the natives from their attitude towards these ravening animals. No wonder leopard find man-eating a safe and convenient form of running their commissariat. Anyone wishing to devote himself to the systematic hunting of these animals could not count on much native assistance. Information of their doings and the localities of their depredations would be about all one would get. But there are motor roads and telegraphs. And a man with a Ford lorry or two, a pack of native dogs from some other part not terrorised by leopard, his own *personnel* of good stout bush-country boys, his camp equipment and arms, could move rapidly from scene to scene, and in two or three months make quite a unique collection of man-eaters.

The town of Bangui, on the Ubangui River, is reached from Brazzaville, the capital of the French Congo. There used to be several services a month from Bordeaux to Brazzaville. At Bangui food of all sorts, petrol, Ford cars and Ford lorries, tyres, etc., are available. Tents, rifles, ammunition, camp beds, medicines and fishing gear and, of course, personal gear, are all that it is necessary to take.

FORESTRY IN ENGLAND AND THE EMPIRE

HERE was a time, not very long ago, when the British race had the unenviable distinction of being the most ruthless destroyer of forests the world had ever seen. This havoc was not made without a purpose. Much of it was inevitable in the settlement of new countries. Moreover, in those days the virgin forests appeared inexhaustible. But to-day it is not too much to say that the nations of the British Empire are leading the world in the effort to insure against a future shortage in this essential material. "Our forestry may not yet have attained the perfection seen in countries where the industry has been practised continuously from generation to generation, but everywhere we see a forward movement." These words are taken from the presidential address of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Empire Forestry Association, and they indicate that in England, as throughout the Empire, the importance of afforestation is at length being fully appreciated.

For the last hundred years the timber industry has been concerned merely with felling and transporting trees; it has lived on a seemingly inexhaustible capital. But the primeval forests will not last for ever. The experience of war-time taught us the disadvantages suffered by countries deficient in home-grown supplies. Since that time the growing use of wood-pulp for paper and artificial silk indicates that the demands of peace will be no less stringent, and it is disquieting to realise that of the £46,000,000 which the country paid last year for imported timber, only 13 per cent. came from Empire sources.

That definite steps are being taken to improve this position is evidenced by two publications issued within the last few days. The first of these is "The Empire Forestry Association Journal" (Vol. V, No. 1), and the second "The Annual Report of the Forestry Commission." The former volume devotes itself to the promotion and encouragement of forestry interests throughout the Empire, and it is doing invaluable service not only in instructing the general public but in bringing to the notice of foresters all over the world the results of research and improved methods which otherwise would probably remain unpublished. There are about 1,100 forest officers in the British Empire, and it is undoubtedly the duty of every one engaged in the forestry services to support this Association, both for the benefits they will themselves gain and because of the good work it is doing in calling public attention to the importance of afforestation, which follows hard on the heels of agriculture as one of the basic industries of the world.

India has for long been the leader in the care and protection devoted to her forestry areas, but the Dominions are embarking on their new task with energy and foresight. South Africa in the last few years has planted 100,000 acres, and is adding 11,000 acres annually to this area. Canada is surveying her immense forests and protecting them from fire and from reckless exploitation. In Australia the various States have initiated planting schemes suited to their several climates and circumstances, and the Federal Government has just established a

central bureau to advise and assist in all matters relating to the development and utilisation of Australian timber resources; while New Zealand is planting 12,000 acres a year. These are but a few examples of what is being done in the Dominions.

To learn of progress at home, we must turn to the second publication mentioned—"The Sixth Annual Report of the Forestry Commission"—to which brief reference was made in our last issue. During the year ending September last, 15,000 acres were planted, making a total of 51,000 acres of State forest formed in Great Britain since the beginning of the Commission's operations in 1919-20. If all goes well this area should have increased within three years to 150,000 acres, and the necessary land has already been acquired. There has, in addition, been planted some 50,000 acres by private owners and local authorities, with the assistance of grants for unemployment relief. The cost of the year's operations is set forth in the report in fuller detail than is usually forthcoming in official publications, though it would have been interesting if some information on total or typical costs per acre had been included.

In the previous report for 1924 the cost of planting in England and Wales was given as £7 7s. 5d. per acre (in Scotland £8 2s. 1d.), these figures including the preparation of the land, clearing scrub, drainage, fencing, plants, planting, beating up and weeding. Such average figures are of great interest, but it would be even more valuable if the Commissioners could see their way, in the future, to publish detailed costs of individual areas planted, with full particulars of the length of fencing, drainage, clearing and other operations necessary in each particular case. Such records would be a guide and a stimulus to landowners and others who are themselves engaged in similar work. It is satisfactory to note that the average price of land acquired for planting is only 1s. 4d. per acre where rented, and £1 16s. 2d. per acre where purchased.

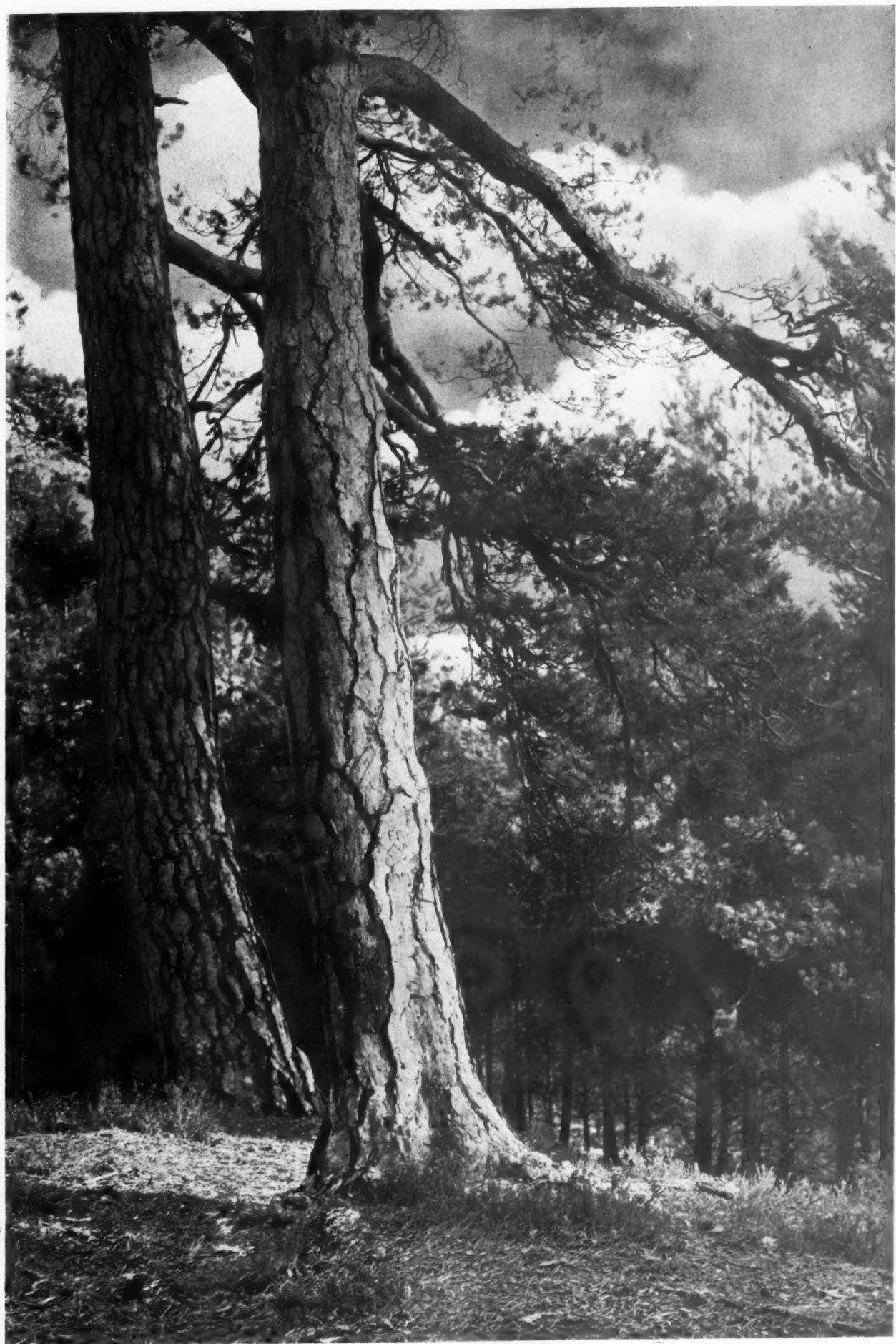
But by no means the least important feature of the forestry programme is the establishment of forest workers' holdings at the rate of five holdings for every thousand acres of forest. Occupiers of these holdings are guaranteed at least 150 days' work per annum in the State forests. No form of rural settlement is likely to be so successful as this. The holder is assured of a small income during the early and critical years of his occupation, and since working in the forests does not coincide with the busy periods on the farm, additional earnings are easily obtainable for haymaking, root-hoeing and harvest. The system enables poor grazing districts to be settled, and is capable of bringing back a measure of prosperity to some areas that have suffered greatly during recent years. Fifty-two out of the 198 holdings in course of formation are already occupied, and it is to be hoped that nothing will be allowed to stand in the way of this development, which offers the best possible opportunity for the economic settlement of the rural worker. As has been well said—"the forest grows fine men as well as fine trees."

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"A BROTHERHOOD OF VENERABLE TREES."

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CRICKETING DAYS

A Cricketer's Yarns, by Richard Daft. (Chapman and Hall, 15s.).
A History of Cricket, by H. S. Altham. (George Allen and Unwin, 16s.)

"**T**HERE is no talk, none so witty and brilliant, that is so good as cricket talk, when memory sharpens memory, and the dead live again—the regretted, the unforgotten—and the old happy days of burnt out Junes revive." So wrote Andrew Lang, and his words are applicable in an equal degree to two lately published books upon the noble game of cricket. One of them is only re-published. It is Richard Daft's *A Cricketer's Yarns*, edited by that illustrious scholar of cricket, Mr. Ashley Cooper. The other, which is new, is Mr. H. S. Altham's monumental *History of Cricket*.

These two books deal with cricket from two different points of view, but they have this in common: they are inspired by a romantic love of the game, and the writer's enthusiasm has in each case got into his ink. Without that precious quality no writing about a game was, to my thinking, ever worth a rap. With it the writer, though he may have little technical skill in his art, will always give pleasure. To be sure, the reader must be in tune with him. He, too, must have in him some feeling for romance, and he must not be afraid of being whole-heartedly a hero worshipper. Indeed, before he embarks on these two books I would go so far as to propound for him two tests. Both are taken from Mr. Altham's pages. One is the fact that the owner of Alfred Mynn's pads brought them to "W. G.," saying that he alone was worthy to wear them. The other is that "W. G.," being asked who, leaving himself out of the argument, was the greatest batsman of his time, answered, "Give me Arthur"; and I hope it is unnecessary to add that he meant the immortal Shrewsbury. If those two facts appear to the reader commonplace or even dull, then, perhaps, he had better not venture any farther; but if they give him a cold shiver down his backbone, then he is of the right sort and he will love every word.

Richard Daft goes a long way back into the cricket past. He belongs to the days when men played in check shirts and billycock hats. In 1862 he played in a single-wicket match against the three great men of Cambridgeshire, Hayward, Tarrant and Carpenter. From that year to about 1876 he was at his very best. Yet in 1891 he reappeared, as an amateur, for his county, and for years after his virtual retirement in 1881 he was playing in very good club cricket, making many runs and taking wickets with his lobs. It is more of these club matches than of first-class cricket that he writes, and if he has not the quality of Nyren, he has yet done for the cricketers of Nottingham something of what Nyren did for those of Hambledon. He makes us feel, rightly or wrongly, that something has now been lost to the game, something jovial and light-hearted, something that bred "characters" among cricketers. His accounts of cricket matches are full of good cheer, of noble lunches and songs, practical jokes, apple-pie beds, impromptu sprint races, and matches at skittles. Where, to-day, shall we find a cricketer—and a good cricketer, too—such as Tom Butler, who invariably played in his ordinary clothes, burnt a hole in his black trousers in drying them, had to go home muffled up in the dark, and then cut the trousers down into football knickerbockers? How pleasant is the solemn advice given by Tom Foster at a cricket luncheon: "My lad, never put anything in front of a Bakewell pudding."

Mr. Altham, having undertaken the gigantic task of surveying all cricket history, has not time, of course, for such agreeable trivialities, but he has the same delightful enthusiasm. He has, clearly, "travelled much in the realms of gold" and read nearly all the vast literature of cricket. He is full of interesting quotations, but the merits of his book are not the merits of scissors and paste. On all the cricketers within his own memory he is very much worth reading for his own sake. As I am a Kentish man, I will take his description of a hero of my own county:

Like another great Kent cricketer before him, Felix, Blythe was devoted to his violin, and this was symptomatic. His were the temperament and the methods of the artist, and to watch him from the ring, still more to bat against him on a sticky wicket, made one realise that here was bowling raised from a physical activity to a higher plane. The very look on his face, the long, sensitive fingers, the elastic back sweep of the left hand before delivery, with the right hand thrown up in perfect balance against it, the short dancing approach, the long last stride, and the final flick of the arm as it came over—all these spoke of a highly sensitive and nervous instrument, beautifully co-ordinated, directed by a subtle mind, and inspired by a natural love for its art.

That seems to me, if I may say so in humble admiration, very good writing, and Mr. Altham gives us many other pictures

of great cricketers equally sympathetic and full of life. How enjoyable is his magnificence of compliment to Mr. MacLaren: He was essentially of the classical school, and a perfect model for the young batsman; but there was about his play a certain spaciousness and majesty that stamped him as no mere master of technique, but as one of the very few who, from time to time, have lifted batting from the level of an accomplishment into the rarer atmosphere of an art. Here is hero-worship in unabashed splendour. We have much for which to thank Mr. Altham, nothing for which to forgive him; but if any forgiveness were needed, how freely would it be granted *quia multum amavit*. **BERNARD DARWIN.**

Clarisse, or the Old Cook. Preface by A. B. Walkley. (Methuen, 5s. net.)

THIS old woman knows a lot. Too much, in fact; for, if this be the philosophy of the kitchen, it is time that we abandoned the broadening influences of our older Universities and led straight to the mystery of the inner man by the direct dining car route. It would be jumping out of the frying-pan into the fire to even suspect that "Clarisse," who writes in the delightful tradition of Grimod de la Reynière, of the "Almanach des Gourmands," is a mere creature of Mr. Walkley's earthly imagining—but the "French connoisseur who wishes to remain anonymous," and who sponsors this rich little book, is fortunate in his cook. As a practical guide to the kitchen it will disappoint and annoy those whose culinary education is pedestrian. It is a book of philosophy, aphorisms and shrewd reflections, valuable only to those who have graduated in the school of thoughtful eating. It is a post-graduate course for the palate already appreciative of subtle flavours, literary, philosophical—and, in the best sense, epicurean. It wanders waywardly from impossible glories, such as hen pheasants stuffed with woodcock trail and truffles, to the simplest of lovely clean tastes, cooked apples, "a dessert for a child or for a hospital!" Yet in the book there are gems of culinary wisdom; indications, suggestions, illuminating flashes of thought, extremely stimulating if you are a cook and know the technique of your chosen art, but useless as explicit directions to a domestic. Another warning. The book, despite its insidious style, is not a bed-book. It makes one too hungry. Good plain cooks who believe in a gas-heated after-life, will loathe this work. Imagine them confronted with this simple way of doing mushrooms. "Be careful never to peel the heads of mushrooms. Wipe them carefully with a very slightly damp linen cloth. Water is the foe of all flavours. Put in a pan some pure oil, but keep your eye on it and do not throw your mushrooms into boiling liquid. They will be fried, grilled, pulpy and coarse. Cook them on a slow fire. Take them out, arrange them on a warm dish, and salt them. Into the same oil throw the stalks, cut into fairly large pieces about the size of a hazel-nut divided down the middle. Cover the heads of the mushrooms with them, then powder the whole with parsley and garlic chopped up fine. Take a handful of soft bread-crums, dip in the warm oil, and when sufficiently golden in colour overturn it, with the remainder of the oil, on the dish." So treated, says "Clarisse," mushrooms, eaten cold the next day, "make a unique dish, the flesh like soft agate." Then there is this wisdom: "Be very careful of the wine you offer. It is the fiery soul of a good meal and it is also its wit." It is little things like that which are so difficult to explain to Americans.

The Ship of Destiny, by G. Laurence Groom. (The Swan Press, 5s.)

MRS. GROOM has chosen for the title of this book the name of one of the poems in it—to the present reviewer one of the least individual and attractive. She seems to sing from the heart in poems such as "Response" or "On Box Hill," which touch on the ecstasy of love—it is a note which she sounds again and again—and to be less happy in themes where playfulness or imagery take the place of passion. She has also one or two poems of simple pathos which are both musical and tender, as "The Harbour Road," of which these are the last two verses:

"The wives have weans for comfort, the maids their dreams o' nights,
 As they gaze towards the harbour an' watch the dancin' lights,
 They hear their men a-singin' as they spread their nets to dry,
 But all my song's a keenin' where the dead men lie!"

"The little sails drift in, drift in at moonrise o'er the bay,
 An' one's a mist of silver-white amid the dun an' grey;
 An' when the laughin' lads come up across the whisperin' grass,
 There's one that turns an' greets me—when the dead men pass!" "My Lovely Dear" is another very charming example of this manner of hers, already well known to a large public, since it has been set to attractive music and given at the wireless concerts.

The Courtship of Queen Elizabeth, by Martin Hume. (Nash and Grayson, 12s. 6d.)

THE author of this most engrossing book writes in his preface: "I have been struck with the failure of most historians of the time who have painted pen pictures with a large brush, to explain or adequately account for what is so often looked upon as the perverse fickleness of perhaps the greatest sovereign that ever occupied the English throne." With the desire to step into this breach, Mr. Martin Hume here presents us with a detailed history of the various negotiations for Elizabeth's marriage carried on throughout her reign, and shows how consummate was the statecraft underlying her many procrastinations, her changes of mind and purpose, her blandishments and her capriciousness, which all served as important factors in her fixed scheme—the aggrandisement of England and the firm establishment of Protestantism in the land. One can well imagine that Elizabeth, clever woman that she was, must often have laughed at herself and enjoyed herself hugely, also keeping her various suitors at the end, so to speak, of a fishing rod. It is not

to be wondered at that at times she puzzled and bewildered her ministers by her vagaries and intrigues, and that at more than one crisis Cecil very wisely took to his bed with an attack of the gout! Even before her accession her diplomacy and subtlety were made manifest in connection with the Seymour affair, and Sir Robert Tyrwhit said of her: "She hath a very good wit and nothing is gotten of her but by great policy." When, on Mary's death, she became Queen, she at once began to prevaricate about the negotiations for a Spanish marriage; for she intended to be popular, and knew that any Spanish marriage, either with Philip or with the Duke of Savoy would be highly distasteful to the English nation. She then had to deal successively with the proposals as to Prince Eric of Sweden, the Archduke Ferdinand of Austria, the Duke Adolphus, brother of the King of Denmark, the Archduke Charles, younger brother of Ferdinand of Austria, Charles IX, "the boy King of France," and the Duke of Anjou. The negotiations with regard to Anjou prospered, fell through, were renewed and, finally, collapsed, religion being the chief obstacle. Finally, we come to the long drawn out courtship with the Duke of Alençon, a comedy which only ended with his death. To Catharine de Medici, Alençon's mother, she wrote thus: "If you could see a picture of my heart, you would see a body without a soul." But it is far more likely that Catharine would have seen a ruthless spirit triumphant over the attainment of her aims without sacrifice of self or country. For, aided by process of time, by her own characteristics deftly used, and by statecraft subtly sustained, Elizabeth found herself, at the end of these negotiations, holding the balance of peace and war of Europe in her hands, with both her rivals, Spain and France, crippled and distracted. She had played for England and won. In this volume the author has dealt with the courtships which were of political significance. Her relations with Leicester before and after her accession and her affairs in her latter years with Raleigh, Essex, Blount, Harrington and others, are only lightly touched on. These last philanderings were arrangements without which a woman of her vain temperament could not have lived her life. Mr. Martin Hume's book sheds fresh light on her aims and on her complex nature and is a valuable contribution to the history of her reign.

The Dancing Floor, by John Buchan. (Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.) A NEW novel by Mr. Buchan is something to which one looks forward rather as one looks forward to a holiday, perhaps because it is, in a sense, a holiday itself. His is the special gift of taking reality, our dull reality, yours, mine, Tom's, Dick's and Harry's, and shooting it through with golden threads of romance, not impossible romance, and not only that romance of love which sometimes seems the sole one to be even hoped for by most of us. He does not disdain that, gives love its place at the glowing core of life, adventure's aim and reward, but he gives us, too, romance of danger by sea and land, and of contests of wits and of endurance and death, like a flashing sword moving above his character's heads; and it is all just what might happen to you and me—and to Tom and Dick and Harry, too—if we were as stout fellows and found ourselves with their opportunities for high enterprise. So he gives us holiday from the beaten track of life—and "more power to his elbow!" This is not to say that *The Dancing Floor* is Mr. Buchan at his best—that is, all of it. The beginning, when our old friend Sir Edward Leithen is telling Mr. Buchan all

about his young friend Vernon Milburne, sole descendant of a great evangelical, manufacturing family, and the curious dream which he has dreamed once a year all his life, is just a little dull. But when Kyré Arabin, heiress to a great house on the lonely Greek Island of Plakos, hated by the peasants for the sins of her father, brave, but frightened and sheltering from thought behind a hectic life of pleasure, comes on the scene, the story soon becomes all that we ask of its author. The scenes in Plakos are very good reading. The last is, perhaps, a shade too hurried, and some of the descriptions of the lie of the land are a trifle confusing, but the idea of the sacrifice of modern youth and maiden to appease the gods of antiquity comes very freshly as Mr. Buchan writes it. In fact, his new book is to be highly recommended.

All Things New, by Gerald Powell. (Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.) IF I were to make—it is purely a personal confession—a black list of things I dislike to find in fiction, it would certainly include happenings of a necessarily imaginary future, a novelist's inventions in scientific discovery, descriptions of explosions, death-dealing rays and similar horrors—and the Second Advent. All these things Mr. Gerald Powell—has gathered together, in this his first novel, in one hateful herd, adding battle, murder, sudden death and other equally unattractive matters. And in spite of this and in spite of stopping several times with the feeling that I could not bring myself to read any more about them, I have reached with the last page the conclusion that his book, if faulty, is a fine one. It is difficult to give its gist in a few words. In the late 1920's (I think he would have done well to put it farther on) a kind of race, the prize of which is the discovery of the control of atomic energy, is taking place between scientists on the side of good and the side of evil. At this time a certain Sir Guy Lattymer, held by his followers to be divine, appears in London, and points the way to a higher spiritual life. He does not strive and cry or even make his disciples sure of victory. He says enough, and no more, but, through physical and mental suffering, makes for mankind the conquest over disease. How it all ends it would be unfair to tell. The book is cleverly written—sometimes when cleverness is merely disturbing—with many allusions to men and women of our day, such as the description at the wrecking of London of "the joyous spectacle of old Mr. Winston Churchill wearing a sort of Republican night-cap as he directed operations at Victoria." At his best, Mr. Gerald Powell—whose work is well known to readers of COUNTRY LIFE, above the signature "Crascredo"—can be good and even inspiring, as in this "Crascredo" theme: "Life, to a man, is what the Grand National is to a horse—the biggest thing of its kind; and a compliment to be entered for it." His characters, as in most novels of this kind, are merely a name and an idiosyncrasy, but the book is full of thought, if not the kind of thought we generally expect of its author.

A SELECTION FOR A LIBRARY LIST.

ROMANTICISM, by Lascelles Abercrombie (Secker, 6s.); **ECHOES IN CORNWALL**, by C. C. Rogers (Bodley Head, 6s.); **THE GAME'S THE THING**, by M. A. Noble (Cassell, 6s.); **BETWEEN THE WICKETS**, by Eric Parker (Philip Allen, 7s. 6d.); **A SON OF THE HOUSE**, by A. R. Weekes (Constable, 7s. 6d.); **THE EMERALD**, by Hilaire Belloc (Arrowsmith, 7s. 6d.); **BRANGANE**, by Martin Mills (Constable, 6s.); **BUTTERED SIDE DOWN**, by Edna Ferber (Methuen, 7s. 6d.)

A HOLE OF TERROR

BY BERNARD DARWIN.

THE picture which adorns this page is not, as might be supposed, a snow-clad winter scene. The white expanse consists of pure white sand, a wilderness surrounding a little green oasis, which is the eighth green at Pine Valley. I need scarcely add, so great is its fame, that the Pine Valley course is near Philadelphia.

Pine Valley is generally deemed by those who have seen it the most terrifying course in the world, and I, for one, have small

doubt that this eighth hole is the most terrifying hole on it. In my own case this hole has become something of a pleasant "old grouse in the gun-room" joke. When I was at Pine Valley with the British team in 1922, I took part in a medal competition. For the first seven holes I surprised and surpassed myself. I believe my score was one under an average of four or, at least, it was fours. When I teed off to the ninth hole I had not got a score at all. My card was strewn about that



THE GRAVE OF MANY HOPES.

sandy wilderness. Since that time, if ever I meet a Pine Valley friend, he tells me something about the hole, that it has been made harder still (which, I believe, to be impossible), or easier by a slight banking at the back or side of the green (a statement which I gravely mistrust). At any rate, they all try to pull my highly respectable leg about it somehow, and now one of these kind friends, Mr. W. P. Smith, my partner in that ill-fated round, has sent me this very charming picture. Hero-worshippers may like to know that two American champions, Mr. Jesse Sweetser and Mr. Max Marston, are among the figures on the green.

The picture largely explains itself. In the language of the novelette, the full horror of the situation burst upon the eye. I may add a word or two, however. The hole is of the length of a drive and a pitch and not—mercifully—a long pitch. A very good tee shot would, I suppose, land the ball not actually in the foreground of the photograph, but somewhere in that neighbourhood. Then the trembling wretch takes his mashie-niblick and pitches for that little triangle of safety. If he fails—well, you can see what he is in for. It is not difficult to understand how he may play ping-pong across the green from one bunker to another, till, as I did, he retires in despair. I ought in honesty to add that my tee shot was not on that occasion a good one and that my second had deservedly to be played from a rough and sandy lie. Probably, I ought to have played the hole on the instalment system, but, however it is played, a sigh of relief as the ball rests on the green will be a proper tribute to its terrors.

The picture sets one thinking of other holes that exceed their fellows in frightfulness. There are several that are universally famous—or infamous—but all of them do not possess one quality which this hole possesses. I talked of playing it on the instalment system, but, properly speaking, this cannot be done, because there comes a time when the player must “put it to the touch to win or lose for all.” He must pitch over the bunker; he cannot sneak or scramble round. Take, by contrast, those two most alarming holes at St. Andrews, the eleventh and the seventeenth. At both of them it is possible, though not so easy as it looks, to beat the ball cautiously along the ground by stages. If the player does not mind the sacrifice of a stroke he need not directly challenge the bunker, whereas at Pine Valley he may put off the evil day but he has got to face it at last.

One of the most frightening holes that I know—and a very fine hole, too—is the seventeenth on the new course at Addington. I do not think that there is a harder one-shot hole anywhere and it has something of the Pine Valley quality,

in that it is easy—horribly easy—to get out of the trouble on one side and run across the green into the trouble on the other side. The other day, in the *Golf Illustrated* Gold Vase, Mr. Torrance had some thrilling moments at this hole. He wanted a three and a four to beat Mr. Tolley. He played a good shot to this seventeenth, the ball was for a moment on the green, and then it just sidled off into the bunker on the right. Here was a problem; however, he took the risk and his courage in both hands, flicked the ball out clean on to the green. He did it so well that he had a putt of five feet or so for his three, but missed it, and so, with a good four at the home hole, he could only tie. This Addington hole has a very narrow opening or way of safety to the green, but, practically speaking, no instalment play is possible and we must go out for the shot. Not long ago I was playing it in a four ball match and my partner took his brassey from the tee and hit a skimmer about five feet from the ground; the ball never wavered, ran along the causeway and ended within six feet of the pin; he then rounded off his career of infamy (how I blessed him!) by holing the putt for two. Not even he, however, could do such a dastardly thing twice.

Those who know their “David Copperfield” will remember the scene of poor David’s first dissipation, when he describes how, after too good a dinner in his chambers in the Adelphi, “my hair—only my hair, nothing else—looked drunk.” I do not know if other people have the same sensation, but for me there are certain holes at which my feet—only my feet—look drunk. They entirely decline to stand straight on the teeing ground; they will stand either for a hook or a slice. It is the most paralysing feeling, and only comes on at certain very narrow holes where the bunkers lurk on either hand. That Addington hole is one of them; the third at Prince’s, Sandwich, is another; the sixth at Walton Heath has the same effect in a rather milder degree, and I could go on multiplying instances. I do not know of any positive cure. Probably, it is a good plan to walk away from the ball and take up the stance afresh, but laziness or a lack of moral courage generally prevent us from doing it.

As a watcher and not a player I thought that some of the shots at St. Anne’s had an extremely terrifying look. There were the tee shots to the fifth and the fifteenth—admirable one-shot holes, both bunkered up to the eyes—and there was the second shot to the fourth, where the hole was cut on a narrow plateau at the very farthest end of the green. That fourth hole came near to costing Mr. Jones the championship, for he took a six there owing to a shot that failed only by six inches to be a perfect beauty. I doubt if there is any course in England or Scotland so closely bunkered as is St. Anne’s to-day.

A NATIONAL SCHEDULE OF ANCIENT BRIDGES

WE have received the following communication from the Secretary of the Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings, to which we would draw the attention of all readers who share our interest in bridges:

“DEAR SIR,

“Owing to the increasing danger of destruction of ancient bridges due to road-widening schemes, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is endeavouring to obtain particulars of all bridges that are worthy of preservation. For over two years it has been in correspondence with various individuals, also with the local archaeological and architectural societies. Unfortunately the

results have been very disappointing. Up to March 1st, 1926, particulars have been obtained for less than 250 bridges throughout the whole country.

“The Society has recently tried the plan of sending an engineer to tour the main rivers and their larger tributaries personally, and in this way a number of bridges have been seen which would otherwise be missed, as many of the best examples are often on by-roads. This initial tour was made by Mr. E. Jervoise, A.M.I.C.E., during June, and covered Dorset and South Devon. The object was to inspect all bridges that were shown on a large scale map of c. 1760, approximately 180 in number.



STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET. (River Stour).



HORRABRIDGE, DEVON. (R. Walkham. 10ft. 6ins. wide.)

Of these, 100 were found to be more or less in their original condition, though some had been widened at different periods, many even before this map was made. In Devon, a large proportion of the bridges seen were still less than 10ft. wide, but in sound structural condition. In Dorset a number of bridges have already been scheduled under the Ancient Monuments Act, and arrangements are being made with the Office of Works to safeguard many of the others in the same way.

"Six of the numerous photographs obtained are reproduced herewith. They will make it clear that the Society is now in a much stronger position to consider and make recommendations as to any proposals affecting bridges in this area.

"The Society paid the out of pocket expenses involved in this preliminary tour (£31). Nobody can call this extravagant, since the distance covered was some 600 miles, and the time occupied twelve days. The expenses were kept down by the society's investigator happening to have friends in the district with whom he could stay. But even so, the Society cannot afford to carry on the work out of their ordinary income. They, therefore, appeal for contributions towards a Bridge Fund to enable the process to be applied to the rest of the country. It is estimated that to complete the survey of the southern half of England, including the essential but laborious work of research in the British Museum, will take eighteen months, and the out of pocket touring expenses amount to £240. It is obvious that for an undertaking of this kind an expert must be employed, and only reasonable that the Society should be in the position to pay him properly.

"If the Society receives £50 before the end of August a further tour will be made in September. After September the



DURWESTON, DORSET. (River Stour.)

light is too uncertain for satisfactory photography. The winter, however, will be employed in research work. Time is an essential factor in this undertaking, for every day more old bridges are being threatened by road widening schemes.

"Incidentally, some bridges still bear a notice relating to an Act of Parliament of George IV, stating that wilful damage to the bridge is punishable by *transportation for life*. It is hardly necessary to point out that the Society will not seek to enforce this Act against the county surveyors or in any other way to obstruct the great national work of improving roads. The Society seek to be in a position to suggest to the road authorities ways by which these fine national buildings may be preserved

intact or, perhaps, in some cases modified, while at the same time the needed facilities are provided. It will be remembered that the preservation of ancient bridges is desired by the Minister of Transport, for it was only lately that he issued a circular to that effect to all the county and civic authorities concerned. In many cases already the Society's efforts have been

welcomed by the local authorities, and alternative schemes have succeeded in saving the bridges. On the other hand, an outcry is sometimes raised against the removal of a structure of no particular value. It is in order to be able to discriminate, as much as to preserve, that the Society appeals for funds.

"I am, yours faithfully,

"A. R. POWYS.

"Secretary, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings."

The Proprietors of COUNTRY LIFE have made an initial contribution of £10. Subscriptions should be marked "Bridge Fund," and be sent to The Editor, COUNTRY LIFE, 20, Tavistock Street, Covent Garden.



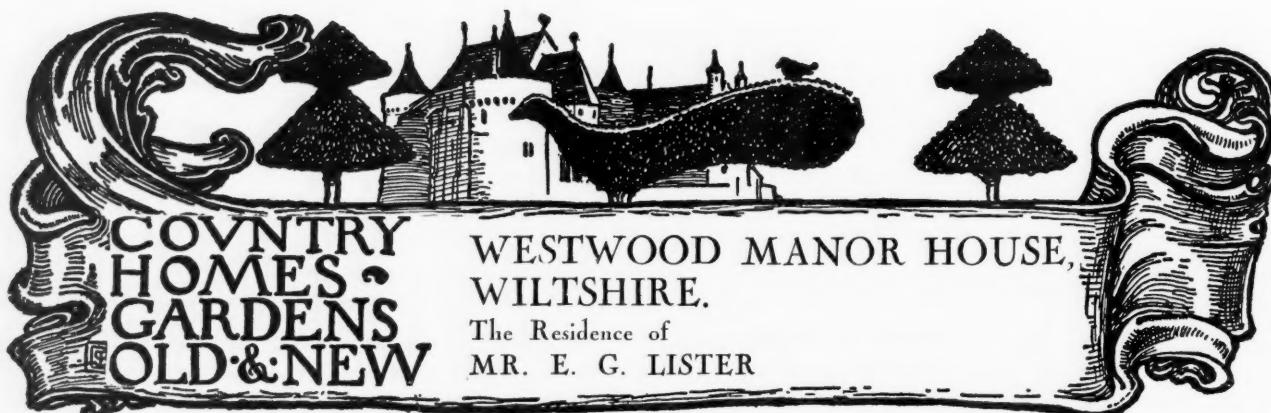
WHITEMILL, DORSET. (River Stour.)



EASTHAM, SOMERSET. (River Parrett, near Crewkerne.)



A PACK HORSE BRIDGE NEAR AVONWICK, SOUTH DEVON. (7ft. 6ins. wide.)



IT is not too much to say that the ancient town of Bradford-on-Avon in Wiltshire and the district of which it is the centre form altogether one of the most beautiful, interesting and romantic spots in the west of England. The town is picturesquely situated on the Bath Avon, where that stream enters the narrow valley in which it is confined by wooded hills on either side until it reaches the neighbourhood of Bath. Leland sums up its activities in his day in the words, "it stondeth by cloth," and it had, in fact, till the existing mills were converted into rubber works but a few years ago, been a centre of the cloth industry from the earliest times. It has also, however, a strongly marked ecclesiastical character. Each of the old limits of the town was at one time guarded, as it were, by an ancient chapel, two of which still remain in good preservation, while the sites of the rest are well known. Chief among these is the little Saxon church of St. Laurence, the foundation of which is generally attributed to St. Aldhelm, who died in 709. It has been well said that this is "a solitary, perfect example of a church of so early a date." Down by the Avon, on the western confines of the town, is the mediæval Barton Farm, with a gate-house and one of the finest barns in the kingdom, 180ft. long and 30ft. wide, with double transepts and a marvellously ingenious roof. Hard by is an ancient packhorse bridge, while in the middle of the town is the fine early bridge with a chapel resting on a corbelled extension of one of the piers. Bradford also contains a number of considerable private houses, of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, of unusual interest, including the home of Edward Orpin, Gainsborough's "Parish Clerk." The country round is no less rich in historic survivals, such as Great Chalfield Manor, perhaps the most perfect example of the semi-fortified manor house, with its moat and remains

of defensive walls and bastions, South Wraxall and Hazelbury Manors, all of which have now been restored to their pristine beauty, and have been the subject of illustration in COUNTRY LIFE. To the south are the picturesque ruins of Farley Castle (unfortunately, most injudiciously and expensively restored by H.M. Office of Works), while in the neighbouring village, formerly called Philip's Norton, but in modern times, Norton St. Philip, is the George Inn, which has existed in that capacity since the fourteenth century, and is a singularly well preserved and untouched example of a mediæval hostelry. Here it was that the ill-fated Duke of Monmouth spent a night and had a successful encounter with the Royalist troops.

Among the mediæval buildings in the neighbourhood, Westwood Manor House, though not as large as the more famous ones mentioned above, can hold its own in the matter of beauty and interest, while, as regards the wealth of its surviving interior decorations, it may well claim a foremost place.

The village of Westwood stands on the high land between the valleys of the Avon and the Frome, on the extreme western edge of Wiltshire, two miles from Bradford-on-Avon and eight miles from Bath, by the singularly beautiful road along the valley of the Avon.

The earliest recorded mention of the place is in a charter of King Ethelred (B.M. Addit: MS: 15350), by which he grants two and a half hides at Westwood to *Ælfnod*, his minister, in 983. This grant is attested by Archbishop Dunstan and Archbishop Oswald of York, and also by Bishop Ethelwold of Winchester.

In 987 King Ethelred granted to his huntsman, Leofwine, three manses at "Westwuda" (see Kemble's "Anglo-Saxon Charters," C.D. 658). The charter is in Latin, but the



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1.—THE WEST WING AND CHURCH FROM THE FORECOURT

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2.—AN EARLY TUDOR MANOR HOUSE WITH JACOBEAN MODIFICATIONS.

"The walls are roughcast, but not colour washed. There was originally a wing, corresponding to that on the left, adjoining the east end of the main block.

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3.—THE MANOR CLOSE, FROM THE LANE. "COUNTRY LIFE." Church tower and manor house were both built by Thomas Horton, clothier, 1490-1500.



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4.—THE NORTH FRONT. "COUNTRY LIFE."



5.—THE GREAT BARN FORMING THE EAST SIDE OF THE MANOR CLOSE.

boundaries of Westwood are given in the Old English tongue, which the country people could understand. These boundaries, which it is possible to trace to a certain extent from the Anglo-Saxon text, comprised a considerable amount of land all round the site of the existing manor house, and must, therefore, have included it. This interesting charter bears the date A.D. 987, and the first two witnesses after the King are Archbishop Dunstan, who died in the following year, and Archbishop Oswald of York; the eight other bishops who attest, including Sigegar of Wells, can all be shown to have held their sees in the year 987.

From Dugdale's "Monasticon Anglicanum," (1, page 206), we learn that "Emma the Queen, mother of Hardicanute, for his soul, gave to the Church of Winchester precious vestments, and two manors namely Westwood and Pittminster. For that Queen had many manors which Ethelred the King had given her in dowry." Queen Emma was the daughter of Richard the Fearless, Duke of Normandy, and was married to King Ethelred in 1002 and to King Cnut in 1017. She took the Saxon name of Ælfgifu, and by her first husband was the mother of Edward the Confessor.

In the Domesday Survey Westwood is held by the Bishop of Winchester, and the manor was held by his successors, and subsequently by the Dean and Chapter, until some time late in the last century, when it was bought by the family from which the present owner purchased it, the Dean and Chapter reserving the right to levy a small corn rent charge, which has now, however, been commuted in respect of the manor house and part of the original manor lands immediately surrounding it.

Whether the manor given by Queen Emma to the Church of Winchester included a house or not it is impossible to say. In a part of the present house, which will be described later on, there is a mass of masonry 9 ft. square, for which there is no apparent need, and it seems possible that this was a part of an earlier building which was incorporated in the existing fabric. Many early coins

have been found in and around the house, including a silver penny of Richard II.

In the course of its long history the manor has been leased to three families, each of which held it for considerable periods. The present house was built, presumably just before 1500, by Thomas Horton, a wealthy clothier of Bradford-on-Avon, son of John Horton of Lullington in the County of Somerset, and great-great-grandson of "Roger de Horton of Catton Coole in the County of Derby, Kt., Justice of Chester 1428."

This Thomas Horton is referred to in contemporary documents as "of Iford, clothier," but his inquisition expressly says that he died at Westwood. He and his wife were buried in the north aisle of

Bradford-on-Avon church, where there is a brass to their memory, showing them both in the clothes they wore, his being those of a merchant, and, below the two figures, his merchant's mark. The brass bears the following inscription, which is interesting from the fact that the dates are not inserted: "Of your charity pray for the souls of Thomas Horton and Mary his wife, which Thomas was sometime founder of this Chantry and deceased the day of Ano dom.

15 , and the said Mary deceased the day of Ano dom. 15 . On whose souls Jesu have mercy."

Thomas Horton, as we learn from his *inquisitio post mortem* taken at Heytesbury October 23rd, 23 Henry VIII (1531), died on August 14th, 1530. We know that his widow was alive in 1538, and she is further mentioned by Leland as being still alive when he visited Bradford, probably about three years later. Leland says: "There is a very faire house of the building of one Horton, a riche clothier, at the northeast part of the chirch. This Horton's wife yet lyveth. This Horton builded a goodly large chirch house *ex lapide quadrato* at the est end of the chirch yard, without it. This Horton made divers faire houses of stone in Throughbridge (Trowbridge) toun. Horton left no children."

The buildings by the "chirch" were in Bradford, not at Westwood, but there is little doubt that he was the builder of the beautiful tower of Westwood church. His initials appear in the spandrels of the church door interlaced with foliated carving, while the same initials, in almost identical carving, though, unfortunately, much defaced, may be seen in the spandrels of the dining-room fireplace in the manor house. It is probable that he was also the builder of a priest's house on the west side of the churchyard, which seems to have been of the same date. This interesting building was, unfortunately, pulled down some thirty years ago, one window being incorporated in the fabric of the

parish room, which has taken its place. The group formed by the three fifteenth century buildings—the church and the manor and the priest's house, each bordering one side of the churchyard—must have been truly remarkable.

It may not be out of place to say a word here about church houses, of which we have seen that Thomas Horton built one (still in existence) in Bradford-on-Avon. In ancient times, we are told, these were an important institution. The church house was devoted to public and parochial uses; meetings were held there and hospitality dispensed in much the same way as in the guest houses of the monasteries. The parish maintained there a regular establishment, with stores of malt for brewing



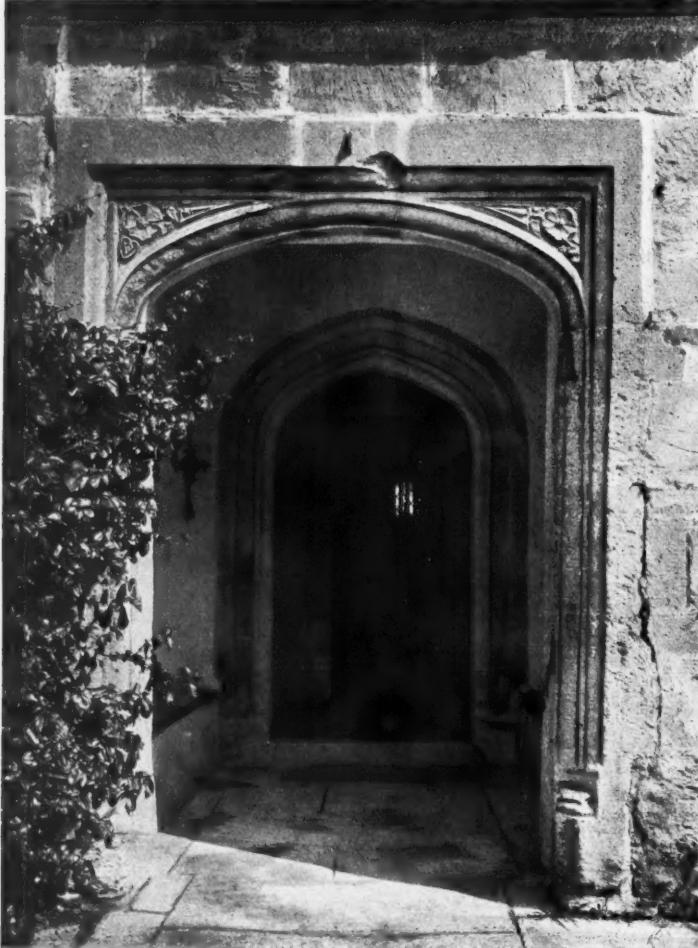
Copyright. 6.—JOHN FAREWELL'S STAIRCASE TURRET. ADDED Circa 1615. "COUNTRY LIFE."

and other appropriate materials. Church ales were held there, and ultimately we find that these various gatherings developed into a regular series of festivities, lasting for days and even weeks, accompanied by "divers amusements," such as "bull-baiting, fighting, dancing and drunkenness."

Thomas Horton, dying, as we have seen, without issue, was succeeded by a nephew of the same name. This nephew was succeeded by his son Edward, who, likewise dying without issue, was succeeded by his nephew, William. William was followed by his son Tobias, or Toby, the last of this family to live at Westwood. Toby Horton married Barbara Farewell, daughter



7.—THE SOUTH END OF THE WEST WING, AND A LATE FIFTEENTH CENTURY ORIEL.



8.—THE PORCH THAT JOHN FAREWELL BUILT *Circa* 1610.

of John Farewell of Holbrooke in Somerset, and in 1609 made over his interest in the manor of Westwood to John Farewell, his wife's brother. The Horton family continued to hold extensive properties in Wiltshire for more than a century, notably at Broughton Gifford, and the Rev. John Wilkinson, in his history of that parish, gives the following appreciation of the Horton stock: "The family were all roundheads. They belonged to the class, then more numerous than now, of 'middling sized gentry,' of good blood, of fair but not large fortune, in their habits simple, in their callings gentlemen farmers, in their manners uncourtly but kind, in their faith Protestant Christians, in their politics what we should call constitutional Royalists, in the pursuit of all their ends, whether spiritual or temporal, earnest, brave and self-reliant. From such came Vane, Hampden, Cromwell, Ludlow, Blake, and the bulk of the 'country party.' Nothing but narrow-minded mismanagement in Church and State made these men Puritans and Republicans. Let no modern revolutionist claim them as kinsmen. They were essentially aristocrats, had grandfathers, and knew who they were, could point to long pedigrees without a flaw, fought under their family banners, recruited among their retainers and friends, freeholders and county neighbours all, gentlemen to the backbone, held to truth, honour, and 'the spirit of a gentleman,' derived their chief pleasures from the country side, their chief hopes from futurity."

In the seventeenth century a great-grandson of Thomas Horton, Sir John Horton by name, became conspicuous for his well known revolutionary principles, which caused him considerable trouble. His pardon, under the seal of Charles I, dated February 10th, 1626, still exists. In it the King's peace is granted to him "for all his treasons and offences whatsoever." During the Civil war, both Sir John Horton and his brother, Jeremy, were colonels in the Parliamentary army; but neither of them attained to that degree of notoriety reached by another Colonel Horton—the victor at St. Fagan's—who afterwards became one of the King's judges and a regicide. This man was not connected with the Wiltshire Hortons. A second brother of Sir John's was an accepted preacher before the House of Commons.

The arms granted to John Horton of Lullingston, Co. Somerset, were argent on a fesse azure between two wolves *passant* in chief and a crossbow in base gules 3 martlets or. These were borne by the Hortons of Westwood, and may be seen on a stone tablet in Westwood church. There is no example of them in the house.

The house which Thomas Horton built at the end of the fifteenth century was almost certainly in the shape of an E, with the open side to the south, but with the upper and lower horizontal lines of that letter greatly prolonged. There is an unbroken oral tradition in the village that this was so, and that the ancient stable which flanks the entrance path to the forecourt represents the end of the long east wing, or the upper stroke of the E, and is all that now remains of it. The fact that the purlins at the north end of this building are visible in the face of the gable seems to point to its having originally extended farther north. There are indications that there was formerly a wing extending northwards from the central range of the building (Fig. 4), and also one to the west at right-angles to it; there was also, certainly, a wing to the west, where the modern wing containing the kitchen and offices now stands, the same doorway that formerly gave access to the ancient wing having been utilised for its successor. The original house was, therefore, considerably more extensive than it is now, and this, no doubt, accounts for the large size of the rooms, having regard to their small number. The now vanished north and west wings were, presumably, demolished by John Farewell, as windows of his time were inserted where the wings had been. The long wing corresponding to the upper stroke of the E was destroyed either by John Farewell or before his time, as there was formerly a small wing at the south-east corner of the main building, projecting only a few yards into the forecourt, which

was almost certainly of his time. This was pulled down about 1860, but a photograph of a portion of it has been preserved. An immense quoin, projecting from under the retaining wall of the forecourt and in line with the buttress on the east end of the house (Fig. 2), indicates its extent to the north and east. The buttress is, in fact, a portion of the north wall of the vanished wing, converted to its present use when that was pulled down. There are still inhabitants of the village who remember the interior, and have described it as containing fine plasterwork similar to that which remains in the rest of the house. When John Farewell acquired possession of the manor he was, as yet, unmarried. He may have regarded himself as a confirmed bachelor, and therefore thought that the house, as he found it, was too large for him. However this may be, while we may regret that his activities were partly destructive, we must perforce accord him our unstinted admiration for what he did to beautify the interior and to bring the house up to a higher standard of comfort than his predecessors had known. He built the present porch, crowning it, perhaps, with the apex stone of a former one. He put in a floor half way up the great hall, and in the hall itself inserted the present window, screen and finely carved stone archway at the west end, while, overhead, he gave



9.—THE EAST WINDOW OF THE CHURCH. EARLY FIFTEENTH CENTURY GLASS.

us the Great Parlour, with its unique plaster ceiling, panelling and two interior porches. At a slightly later date, perhaps when he married, he built the picturesque turret staircase in the angle between the two ranges of buildings in the forecourt, for which he had to cover up two lights of the original eight-light window of the Great Parlour. He has also left us another fine panelled room upstairs and three more elaborate plaster ceilings; indeed, there is no room in the house in which he has not left some signal memorial of his good taste. He subsequently married Meliora, daughter of John Bampfylde of Poltimore. He died in 1642, aged sixty-three, and was buried at Westwood, where there is a memorial tablet to him in the church. His wife survived him till 1674. They left one daughter, Elizabeth, who married "John Wallis of Westwood (jure uxoris)," and died in 1676. They, too, had issue only one daughter, Elizabeth, who married her cousin the Rev. Henry Farewell. He became rector of the neighbouring parish of Tellisford, where he died and was buried in 1708, his widow surviving him till 1722, when she was also buried at Tellisford.

The next family of which we hear as occupying the manor is that of Sir John and Lady Hanam of Dean's Court, Wimborne. There are records in the church register of the baptism of five of their children, covering the years



10.—THE HEAD OF AN APOSTLE; REMAINS OF A SET OF TWELVE.



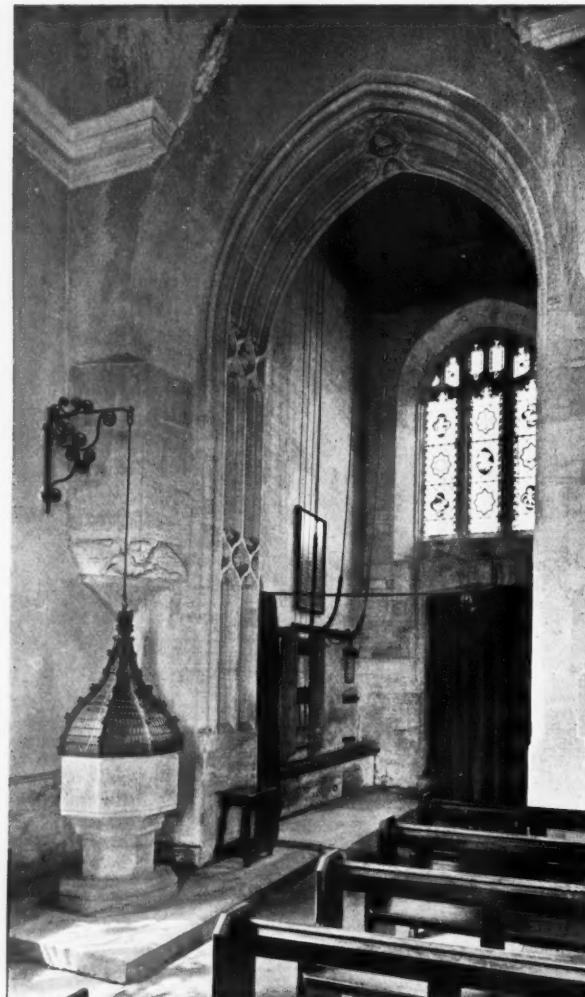
11.—FORMER TRACERY LIGHTS. ANGELS BEARING EMBLEMS OF THE PASSION.

from 1607 to 1704. Sir John's father, Sir William Hanam, Bt., had died in 1671, but his widow, Sir John's mother, lived till 1722. It is recorded of this lady that she adhered to James II and was a prisoner in the Tower of London in 1689. She alienated several estates and kept her son, a minor, out of all profits until he was twenty-five. She may also have remained in occupation of Dean's Court, which would explain why her son had to make his home elsewhere. The fact, moreover, of the latter having married Jane, daughter and heiress of William Eyre of Neston Park, Wilts, but a few miles distant, might account for their selection of a house in the neighbourhood. Sir John died in 1703.

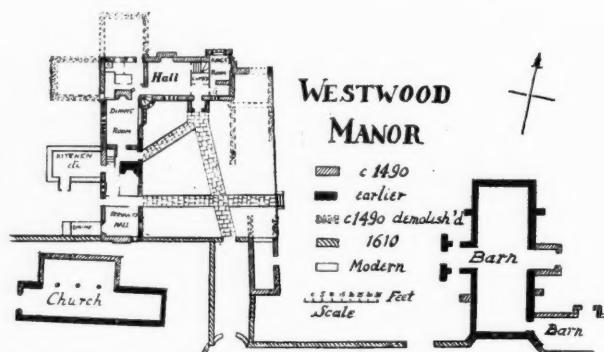
This, by the way, was the year of the famous storm which, on the night of November 29th, destroyed entire woods and generally devastated the west of England. According to Daniel Defoe, who published an account of this extraordinary occurrence, twelve ships of the Navy were totally wrecked; the Eddystone Lighthouse was destroyed; part of the Palace at Wells was blown down, and Bishop Kidder and his wife were both killed and buried in the ruins. In all, about 8,000 people were supposed to have perished. The following curious entry occurs in the Westwood church register: "Mary Davis was baptized the 13 day of June 1725, born 3 years after ye hie wind she is now 20 years owd going on 21 years."

From 1773 there are records of the estate being in the occupation of the Tugwell family until it was eventually bought by the late Mr. Tugwell of Crow Hall, Bath, at the end of the last century, from the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, this being the first occasion in the history of the manor on which it had ever changed hands by purchase. It was sold to the present owner in 1911. Till that date the house had been occupied, at any rate since 1832, as a farmhouse.

The earliest document containing information of any interest, in the possession of the present owner, is a lease, dated 1706, whereby the Dean and Chapter of Winchester let for twenty-one years to a certain Mr. Tugwell "The scite of their manor of Westwood in the County of Wilts and all houses and edifices thereon builded and the profits of the Pidgeon House." It has not been possible to locate the position



12.—FONT AND WEST END.
The font cover is similar to the cupola of the tower staircase turret.



PLAN OF THE MANOR PLACE.

of this Pidgeon House, which has completely disappeared. The lease grants to the said Tugwell "yearly one Gown of the Yeoman's Livery of the said Dean and Chapter." The lease further provides "that the said Tugwell, his Executors and Assigns at their own proper costs and charges shall yearly during all the said term find unto the said Dean and to his Successors and to the Receiver and Steward of the said Church for the time being and all others coming with them as well as for their Courts there to be holden as also for the Lordship there to be surveyed Meat Drink Beds and Lodging sufficient and convenient and also Stable Room Hay Litter and provender sufficient for their Horses and Geldings for the space of one day and two nights yearly."

Coming now to the existing house, a few general remarks have already been made on the aspect of the building from the forecourt, but it will be well, though at the risk of some repetition, to examine this in greater detail. Of the original two wings on the east and west sides of the forecourt, representing the upper and lower horizontal strokes of the E respectively, only that on the west side (Fig. 1) now remains. The central part of the house (Fig. 2), facing to the south, is that which originally contained the Great Hall, screens, kitchen and buttery, all of which, however, were remodelled by John Farewell in 1609-10. The hall, to the left of the front door, is now a one-storey room lighted by a four-light window inserted when the alterations were made. Over the hall is the Great Parlour of John Farewell, which he originally lighted on the south side by an eight-light window, with a principal mullion in the middle. The segmental tower (Fig. 6) in the angle formed by the two ranges of buildings, containing a staircase, was added by Farewell some years later. This picturesque feature, affording, as it does, independent access to rooms which could otherwise only be approached through "passage" rooms, was doubtless a great convenience. It has, however, considerably marred the architectural beauty of the house, in that it masks two lights of the eight-light window of the Great Parlour, not to speak of the two oriel windows on the other side of the angle, each of which has thereby lost a light. Towards the end of the west wing is an overhanging oriel window (Fig. 7), of simple, but very pleasing design, looking across the forecourt to the east.

The entrance to the porch (Fig. 8), the work of John Farewell, is formed by a very flat arch, which it is interesting to contrast with the more pointed fifteenth century arch of the original front door beyond. In either spandrel of the outer arch is a simple rosette; in the corner of the left spandrel is also carved the emblem of the bleeding heart, regarding the origin and significance of which the writer would be grateful for enlightenment. On either jamb is a small sundial, formed by a rectangular figure, with a single hole for a simple peg as a pointer. Immediately over the arch is another dial of which the gnomon has now been restored, and in the middle of the face of the gable above is a large square stone dial. The present front door, which appears to date from 1609, is divided, and has two sets of hinges, so that only one third of it need be opened at a time.

The little church (Fig. 3), which stands but a few yards from the end of the manor house, has many features of uncommon interest. On the south side of the chancel is a piscina with dog-tooth ornament, while on the lintel of the little priest's door on the south side of the chancel is some rude carving of considerable antiquity which has been cut into to form the present trefoil arch. Beyond these two items there is no definite indication of a building of earlier date than the late fifteenth century. The beautifully proportioned tower, rather of the Somerset than of the Wiltshire type, has already been mentioned in connection with Thomas Horton, the builder of the manor house, whose initials can be traced in the spandrels of the west door. Over the nave is an eighteenth century

plaster ceiling, and over a part of the north aisle, which was probably the Horton chapel, is an elaborately carved late perpendicular oak ceiling of great beauty. From this aisle a view of the altar is afforded by a double hagioscope, remarkable in so small a building. The tower staircase is roofed by a stone cupola of Renaissance character, and the font-cover (Fig. 12) consists of a contemporary copy of this in wood. On a flat corbel over the font is carved a representation of the Evil One gnashing his teeth over the christening of each new infant. This curious figure is known locally as "the old lad of Westwood." But the chief glory of this church is its fine early fifteenth century stained glass. The centre light of the east window (Fig. 9), "shows a two-handled pot containing a tall lily-plant, with the crucified Christ against the stalk of the plant and with His feet nailed to it, and hanging from a tall wooden tau-cross to which His hands have been nailed. The cross is visible in parts behind the plant, but the feet appear as if nailed to the stalk, and a large flower at the very top of the plant extends from the end

of the stem of the cross exactly to the top of the cross-bar, so that there seems clearly to have been an intention of identifying the Cross with the lily plant. The plant here has five flowers in full bloom; and behind the Lord's head, set so as to form a cross-shaped nimbus, are three smaller fleurs-de-lis or lily-flowers." (Mr. W. L. Hildburgh, F.S.A., *Archæologia*, Second Series, Vol. xxiv). That authority is of opinion that the feature of the large lily plant with the crucified Christ upon it, is almost or exclusively English, and he adds that he is only aware of seven other instances of it in English ecclesiology. In the other lights of this window and in a south window of the chancel are angels holding implements of the Passion. It seems probable that all this glass formerly filled the windows of the Horton chapel, from which it was removed in the nineteenth century. This set is practically identical with the one in the church of Leigh-on-Mendip, in Somerset.

EDGAR G. LISTER.

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THE RENOVATION OF POOR GRASSLAND

AREFERENCE to the Agricultural Returns for 1925 shows that there are approximately ten and three-quarter million acres of permanent pasture and five million acres of rough grazings in England and Wales. The rough grazing apparently refers to high-lying heath ground, four-fifths of which is enclosed, the other one-fifth being common land. From the viewpoint of productivity no one who is in the least conversant with agriculture can fail to appreciate that there is considerable room for the improvement of large areas of grassland. Some of the areas are in urgent need of drainage, whereas in other cases there is little disposition to take advantage of modern research on the manuring and management of grassland. Despite the work which has been accomplished at Cockle Park, it is still necessary to repeat the famous grazing experiments, and a case in point is provided by the new series of manurial trials at Shoby in Leicestershire, where, under the wing of the Royal Agricultural Society, some interesting manurial plots have been laid down, with a view to judging the returns by live-weight gains in cattle and sheep. In brief, there appears to be one solution for a great many areas, and that is the application of liberal dressings of phosphatic manures. Basic slag and, more recently, the very finely ground mineral phosphates are the two manures which are particularly associated with this work of reclamation, but there are large numbers of examples where manuring with phosphates effects an improvement at too slow a rate.

The present period of the year is a very suitable time for observing the effects of manurial applications, and where a good close bottom of wild white clover is incorporated with the herbage, there can be little displeasure with the result. It will usually be found that if poor land, in the first instance, has a few plants of wild white clover struggling for an existence, phosphatic manuring and suitable grazing will promote a good pasture. At the present time, however, there are many fields which have been laid down to grass since the war, and which, through a variety of causes, have failed to make a good pasture. It is usually the direct result of an inferior seeds mixture, or, otherwise, the lack of suitable conditions to promote the best growth of the seeds when sown. There are numerous examples of fields sown originally with a one-year ley mixture which have been left down in grass by reason of the depression in cereal prices. As a result, the herbage continues to become poorer after the first year or two, and, with the tendency to become weedy in the bottom, the chances of good returns become more remote. But if pastures of this type are tackled in time they do not present a hopeless problem, nor is it necessary to wait for the customary twenty years before the bottom acquires the herbage of an old pasture by indigenous means.

RENOVATING SEEDS MIXTURES.

The question of seeding, therefore, is of the utmost importance, and if, through failure or omission, the herbage contains few good plants, then the object should be to add species which will quickly form a good sward. Numerous experiments have been conducted in recent years on suitable mixtures, but, when everything has been finally weighed up, there is only one important ingredient, and that is wild white clover. The application of from $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. to 1lb. of wild white clover alone will usually completely reform a poor pasture, provided the conditions are favourable for germination and subsequent development. These conditions, naturally, concern the provision of a suitable tilth for the purposes of germination, and essential plant foods for maximum development. Tilth formation is sometimes difficult on worn-out pasture-land, but not difficult where the bottom is reasonably bare and the soil is showing through. The most effective implement is the disc harrow, especially if it is heavily weighted and set so as to tear up the sod to a fair depth. For this purpose the tractor

is the best source of power. The results of disc harrowing are important, apart from the question of re-seeding. Sometimes a mat of roots will tend to form on the surface of the ground, a condition which favours bent and some of the fescues, but which is far from favourable to wild white clover. One need have no fears that damage will be done to the pasture, for the more thoroughly it is pulled about the better are the results likely to be. Once the field has been treated in this way, the wild white clover seed can be broadcasted and the field well harrowed with the ordinary grass harrows. To complete the operation, phosphates at the rate of 5cwt. per acre of a high grade slag or equivalent phosphatic fertiliser should be applied; while on lighter land the addition of 2cwt. to 3cwt. of kainit per acre is likely to give good results.

The subsequent management concerns proper grazing, though if the seeding is given during the month of August (a very favourable time), these matters more or less right themselves. Thus, during the first winter the clover will be allowed to develop without over-stocking the field, while the following year the main object is to keep the pasture well grazed without getting too much into the heart of the young clover. Sometimes mowing is preferable the first year after seeding in this way, taking care to cut the field early.

The response to treatment of this kind is apt to be variable, though it generally achieves the object in view. Thus, a field on the Midland Agricultural College farm, treated in this way last August, has been improved out of recognition within a year; but it must be admitted that the present season has been one very favourable to a good development of wild white clover.

PLoughing OUT AND RE-SEEDING.

An alternative method of treatment which has given exceptionally good results in all parts of the country is that of ploughing out poor pasture and re-seeding with a modern seeds mixture. This course would seem to be particularly desirable where the herbage is very coarse and tufty and where a strong mat of roots has formed under the growing grass. It can be quite well understood that the ploughing under of such a turf is not always an easy matter, but it is essential that the turf should be well buried to allow thorough rotting; while, on account of the spongy nature of the sod, it is sometimes difficult to get a firm seed bed, which is essential for a good "take" of seeds. Various methods have been tried, but modern practice usually prefers the use of the digging plough which lays an inverted furrow, and thereby gives a firmer bed; but where the ordinary ley plough is used, the furrow press is an advantage, or heavy rolling. Although it is usual to sow a spring cereal crop on the ploughed-up turf and to re-seed with the cereal acting as the nurse crop, in some districts the possibilities of rape pastures have been fully explored. These are particularly suitable for the western districts having a rainfall over 30ins. per annum, and the method adopted is to plough up the grass over winter. A dressing of lime is usually applied and spring harrowings are given to form a tilth. These harrowings make it possible to rid the ground of any weeds which have germinated in the meantime; while the seeds mixture is subsequently sown during June along with 2lb. to 3lb. of rape. This method of utilising rape was first of all popularised by Professor Wibberley in Ireland, but more recently has been extensively used in parts of Wales, and has also given good results in Westmorland. Phosphates should be harrowed in after the seed has been sown, and the subsequent management concerns the grazing down of the rape, while the treading received by the field is helpful to the successful formation of the new pasture. In this way modern research has evolved one of the surest and quickest means of forming a good pasture in place of a poor one, though local conditions would, naturally, determine the exact method to adopt.

COUNTRY MAGIC

"TELL me, where is fancy bred?" If we could answer this question, we might be able to trace the magic of the country to its source, to understand the subtle relationship between natural beauty and the eager mind. But as things are, we accept what comes, and in place of understanding we offer our gratitude. There is that in the country which seems to regulate its utterance in accordance with our capacity to hear, and there are men and women whose response is so ample and so ready that they receive more than they need for themselves and are able to interpret what they love to others. Some employ pigments, some the written word, others the graver's needle, the pencil or the pen; and, although Nature never ceases to paint her pictures, although she creates and obliterates with a prodigality that



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"WHITE CLOUDS IN SUMMERTIME."

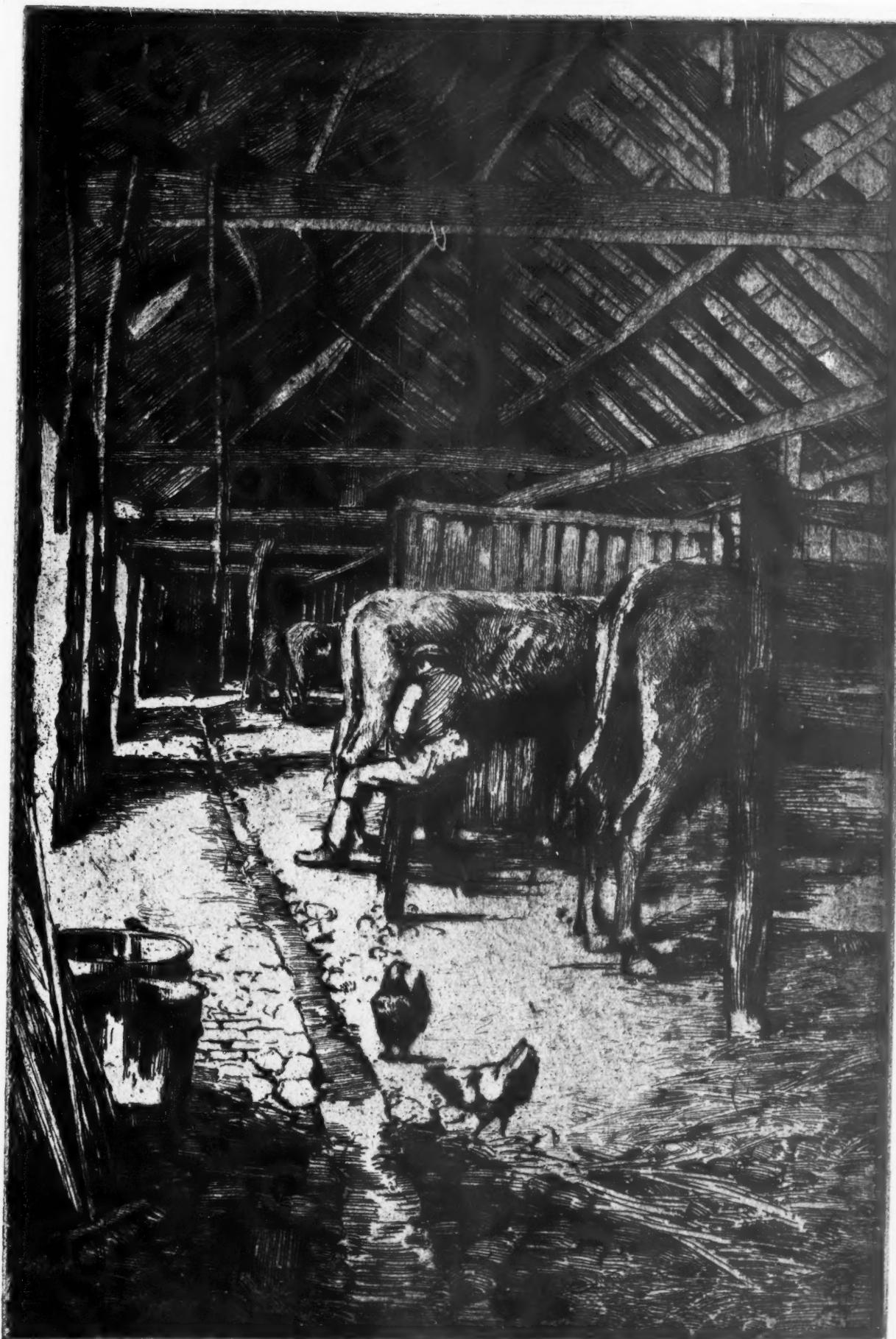
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amazes us, they are indeed happy if they can record just a few of her moods, those that impress us most, and keep them before us at every season.

Our selection of their efforts is the expression of our own temperament. There are among us a few who live for the summer, who choose certain weeks or days, enter into the very heart and spirit of them and, when they pass, wait with what patience we may until they come again. The writer's own choice for many years was the season when the lilac and laburnum flower. Others are greater yet less faithful lovers, to whom there is a lure in nearly every month, and they, on the whole, are perhaps the happiest, for they spread their pleasure over the longest possible period. Take them from touch of cities and they rest content. For the most, however, there are special moods, hours or happenings that waken a sense of exquisite pleasure. It may be that these come at hay-time, when the countryside sees its own most opulent hour, when the great chorus of bird song that opens with April has not yet waned, though nearly all the singers are sheltered behind the greenery that hides their homes. Others there are, and these are to be envied, who can find joy "when roads are dank and ways are mire," when the hedgerows are no more than "bare ruined choirs where late the sweet birds sang," when trees are leafless and skies are leaden, when all the life that hibernates has sought its warm hiding places, and winter would appear to

There are other scenes that breathe an abiding serenity. Take an old-time dairy, where one who has been brought up in an atmosphere of rural peace skims the cream, makes the butter, scours the pans leaving them silver white, and in some subtle fashion gives the visitor an overwhelming impression of the cleanliness and purity that are, or should be, the birthright of country produce. A very modern equipment may give you the sense of commercial efficiency, but the old-fashioned churn, the great shallow pans, the deep earthenware cream bowls tell a story of their own. They speak of times when the quiet life of the countryside was self-contained, when it remained aloof from the rest of the world and the interests of great cities held no concern for those who laboured in the fields.

There is no limit to the pictures that the countryside can conjure up. Every gallery holds them by the score, national collections are an enduring monument to those lovers of rural scenes who dwelt in the centuries that belong to history, who knew a life we should not recognise. Men have acquired something that approaches immortality by reason of their success in catching the mood of a moment, even though that mood return with every year. Schools of painters have arisen whose special claim has been that they have interpreted the countryside. Perhaps, their success is the reflection of the knowledge that we carry somewhere deep down at the ripe red of the heart,



From the etching by

"A SUSSEX DAIRY."

Margaret Kemp-Welch.

turn more to the autumn that has passed than to spring that is to come. They are brave souls who can face this season undismayed, content in their gratitude for the brighter days that have gone, and for those that will surely succeed. He is the true country lover who, without the stimulus of sport, can absorb the short-lived beauties of a winter day, and pay no heed to the attendant discomforts.

There are many who find their keenest pleasure in some aspect of the life of the countryside. Milking time in an old barn where in centuries past the village tithe was collected for the church may waken such a thrill. The simple annals of those who paid and those who received the tithe may be lost beyond recall, long years may have passed since the last echo of the joy of a harvest supper passed into the silence, but the old barns of the countryside retain an atmosphere that is all their own. Father Time, seeing how strongly and honestly they were built with great oak posts and beams, how stoutly they stand in a world whence beauty tends to pass, has dealt very kindly with them, touching them with a hand that mellows, leaving them happily overlooked in their tranquillity. They, in their turn, as though in gratitude for Time's forbearance, give out to the responsive passer-by something of a charm that may be understood by many, but which can only be expressed by painter or by poet.

that the countryside with all its changing and compelling beauty is part of our heritage. It is a heritage that we, in an over-crowded island, tend to lose and are anxious to regain. So anxious have we become that, if we cannot enjoy our delight directly without any form of intervention or restriction, we console ourselves with the work of those who not only see as we would wish to see, but can interpret and bring their vision to our bookshelves or our walls.

S. L. BENSUSAN.

RAIN IN THE WOODS

Drearly falls the rain in a world of silence,
Save for the drip of leaves that heavily hang
Downward-pointing, dejected, weary for sunshine,
Here in the wood where late the nightingale sang.

Now is hushed all song, and sound of the living,
And all that moves in a tranced stillness lies,
Mournful, their beauty clouded, the woods are waiting
Patient as death, till another sun shall rise.

M. Y. STEWART.

RED DEER IN AUGUST



THE HERD FLED OVER THE SKYLINE.

IN the early days of August stags are still in the velvet and are less suspicious than they will be three weeks hence. Sometimes at evening they come down from the hills, then with patience and a certain amount of concealment it is possible to photograph them as they feed on the fresh green grass. Deer are great travellers, and a little later on in the year the beasts shown in the accompanying pictures may be wandering in some forest scores of miles away.

At Langwell in Caithness is an extraordinarily interesting head of a three-horned stag. It is interesting in itself, but the history of the stag which owned it is even more so. It was shot in 1873 at Langwell and the previous season was often seen in the forest of Kinlochewe, where it was recognised as the same stag at which Major Vaughan Lee had fired fifteen shots at Dordonell. A fortnight before it was shot at Langwell the stag was fired at in the Reay forest, nearly ninety miles distant, and the animal had almost passed through the forest of Langwell before it was killed. One need only glance at a map to see the extent of its walks. Few, if any, stags can equal this record of

wanderings, and, indeed, some are content to remain throughout the season more or less in the same place. Of such a character was a "royal" which lived on the sea coast and had his home among the herring gulls. He may have wandered inland during the night, but in the daytime he hid himself so carefully in the bracken and long heather of the cliff that during the first year of his history he was seen only once. The season following he was seen twice, but the third summer he hid so successfully that it was thought he had left the district. The fourth year he was seen once in the velvet, and once with three hinds, but his haunts were still a mystery. At last a rifle was fired above the cliff where it was suspected he was hiding and, although he was not seen to leave his haunts, it is surmised that he must have been alarmed and sought fresh quarters, for he was stalked and shot shortly afterwards. He was easily recognised on the rare occasions on which he was seen, for one of his eyes was sightless and almost pure white.

Stags seem instinctively to know the approach of the stalking season. Towards the end of August they leave the low ground and make for the high tops and lonely corries. On fine days





Seton Gordon.

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THE HERD SCENT DANGER. THE HORNS ARE STILL IN VELVET, WHICH IS SHED IN LATE AUGUST.

about this time they may be seen rubbing their horns in the heather to rid them of the velvet. The velvet in the earlier summer is soft, but as it peels from the horns it hardens and often hangs from the antlers in long strips.

Hinds as a rule are less confiding than stags during the spring months. They rarely come to the low ground to be fed, and even before the winter snows has left the high tops they may be seen on the highest ground.

SAND YACHTING

THOSE on holiday at the seaside who wish to attempt something novel, might well try the delights of sand yachting: for this exhilarating sport is possible anywhere round the coast where a sandy space affords sufficient speedway. The sport can appeal to all, for anyone handy with tools can make a sand yacht, and the expense is small. Some lengths of batten, bamboo, cord, rope and a few yards of unbleached calico for sails are all that is required in addition to the necessary wheels.

Make the framework out of the battens, securing them with nails, screws or bolts at the joins. There is no need to make an expensive job of it; most sand yachts look quite home-made affairs, as far as appearance goes. Of course, you may have your "chassis," as it is termed, made by a carpenter if you choose, or even buy one ready-made. But one important item is in fixing your seats: to see that they are kept as low as possible, with only a few inches of clearance. The elevation of seats above the chassis level increases the liability of the craft to capsize should a sudden gust of wind catch the sail.

The wheels may be either motor cycle or motor ones, but ordinary cycle wheels may serve; their utility depends upon the number and weight of the passengers the yacht is designed to carry. Of course, motor wheels are best, as their breadth of tyre minimises the likelihood of the wheels sinking in places

where the sand is soft. Young people and light-weight grown-ups may use narrow-tyred wheels; they are also serviceable for single seaters. But, in any case, choose a sandway that has a hard, smooth surface. This is usually to be found between high and low water marks. The very dry, loose sand often to be found nearer the top of the beach is unsuitable, as is the wet, yielding sand near the water's edge. Good tyres are not necessary, and even old motor wheels minus their tyres will answer very well; there is no need to make the craft in any way costly.

Your chassis may be built long, with seats behind each other, or wide with seats side by side. But if you choose the former type of lay-out, a wide front axle is advisable to ensure stability.

The thickness of the mast depends upon its height. For smaller yachts stout bamboo will do, and bamboo yards can be used for mounting the sails. The mast itself is placed right up in front of the yacht, and firmly held in position by means of side supports, with a bolt running right through them and the mast. Another bolt secures the end of the mast to the chassis frame. These bolts are tightened by wing nuts, which may be easily unscrewed without tools when dismantling the craft. The necessary pulley gear for raising and lowering the sails is also fitted. Old ex-Army Disposal Board pieces of aeroplane



SAND YACHT RACING ON THE BEACH AT HARDELOT, NEAR BOULOGNE.

and similar "junk" may often be found invaluable for sand yacht gear.

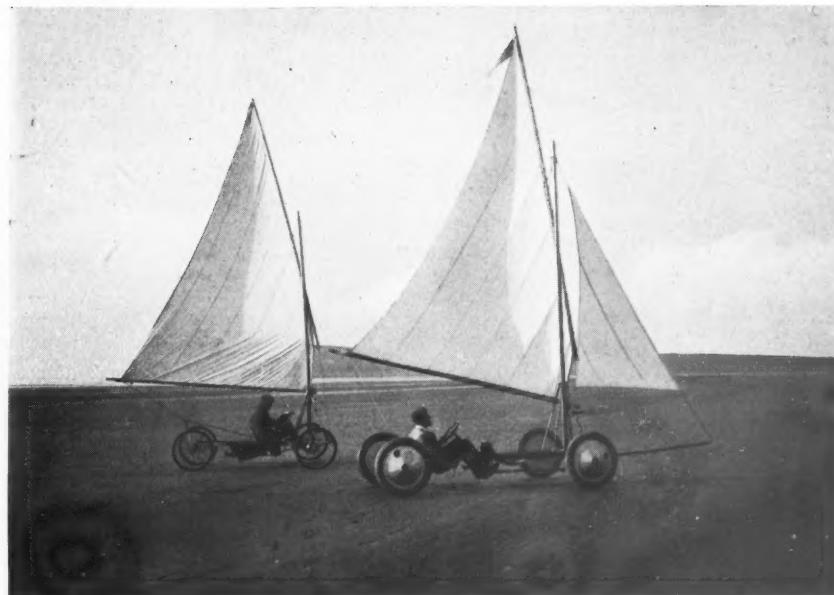
The sails themselves should be large enough to catch sufficient wind to propel your craft. Breadth rather than height in sails is the essential for sand yachts. Tall, high-pitched sails tend to increase the liability to capsize. Just as in a sea yacht a keel of sufficient area steadies the craft, so ballast of sufficient weight stabilises the sand yacht. You should try to make and weight your craft so that it skims along easily under even a light breeze.

There are several types of sails or rig, but the working lug and dipping lug are the more often used. And of these two the working lug is the easier to handle. It is specially suitable for the inexperienced. Those who have already sailed small yachts on water will find that the same general working methods apply to sand yachts.

The dipping lug is so called because it has to be either partially or entirely lowered whenever the yacht's course is altered. This is, as can be seen, a bit troublesome, and it is a rig to be avoided by novices on land as well as at sea. A close-hauled, dipping lug may easily capsize your craft should a sudden gust of wind catch it. The reason is because a considerable portion of the sail has to be in front of the mast whenever it is set, and in addition the bow end of the sail is fastened; consequently, if the wind comes suddenly without warning from a wrong quarter, it presses the sail back against the mast, and—over goes the mast.

The favourite method of steering sand yachts is a hand-wheel connected to the rear wheels. A simpler method is to have a hole bored in the rear axle's centre and fastened by a bolt to the framework, so that it turns easily.

In this country, Perranporth, in North Cornwall, yields the sand yacht enthusiast a splendid speedway over its miles of



LIGHT SINGLE-SEATER CHASSIS.

golden sand. After a spin the yacht may be pushed among the sand dunes, dismantled and covered with its sail, and safely left overnight. It is also a favourite sport at Hardelot, near Boulogne, and other French watering places.

But there is no need to cross the Channel to go sand yachting, for we possess sea fronts that are in every way as suitable as any to be found, and there is every prospect of the sport becoming as popular here as anywhere on the Continent. D. H.

THE FLYFISHER'S TRAIN

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Never let me be late for the five-o'clock train !

And one of our number, who makes it a hobby,
Is frequently seen to be running it fine,
As he streaks through the gate as if chased by a Bobby,
And leaps on the foot-board at four fifty-nine.
Then down through the pines and the birches of Surrey
With anecdote, jest, and irrelevant talk,
Till we get beyond Fleet with no effort to hurry,
And open the opulent curves of the chalk.

Again and again, in eternal refrain,
Rumble-dumbley-dump goes the five-o'clock train.

For this is the train to the Test and the Itchen,
The Anton, the Avon, and how many more !
And it follows these streams from the veriest ditch in
Which, ever so small, there are fishes galore.
For where beyond Hurstbourne the viaduct carries
Us high and above "Where the Bright Waters Meet"
For an instant we view in that valley of fairies
The junction of rivulets under our feet—

Scarcely more than a drain, where great fishes were slain ;
There is much to be seen from the five-o'clock train.

As we drop the good fellows our party grows thinner :
We hear their last words as they bid us "Adieu"—
"Keep a table for us at the second-course dinner
By the up train on Sunday at eight twenty-two."
And when at the last I'm too old to go fishing,
And live in the past, I shall never complain
Of my fate if I sometimes can wave to them wishing—
"Tight lines to the men on the five-o'clock train !"

For while life shall remain I shall always retain
A soft place in my heart for the five-o'clock train.

E. A. BARTON.



A WORKING BIG RIG.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE HONEYSUCKLE'S CRIMES.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—In your issue of April 24th last, page 647, I saw a reference to the choking powers of honeysuckle. I send you, therefore, a few facts concerning that sweet plant. In 1853 my father bought an estate of about 2,000 acres 130 miles west from Sydney, on the highlands. The house was a roomy brick cottage built about 1815. The previous owner was an old Englishman and very eccentric, lived alone, wore wonderful garments, never cut his hair, and it was a toss-up which was the more dilapidated, old X or his house. My father—also an Englishman—was the exact opposite of X. He renewed the entire place from end to end, outside and in. The veranda posts were all Australian hardwood, none better on earth, and, with one exception, they remain to this day. And here is where the honeysuckle asserts itself. One veranda post was enwrapped by a very powerful and affectionate honeysuckle. Dust, sand, old leaves and twigs were massed all round the post, and generally soaking wet. The post was ruined by mildew, rot and damp, and it was the only one that required renewing. In one of the windows there was a projecting sill, under which another affectionate honeysuckle grew. Rubbish, leaves, dirt and moisture ruined that window-sill, and it was the only one—with a little of the wall each side of it—that had to be rebuilt. Was the honeysuckle to blame? The elderberry tree near by should have been a healthy one with plenty of berries on it, like its brothers, but, unfortunately, another honeysuckle got hold of it and squeezed all the life out of it. My father issued a Napoleonic order to the gardener to root them both up and burn them. Although there were climbing roses, ivy, grape vines, convolvulus and other plants growing over the fences and walls, none of them did any harm. Why did the honeysuckle?—R. J. ROTTEN.

OLD CATTLE BELLS IN A NEW HOME.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I read with great interest your articles on ancient cattle bells, and think you may like to know that here, in British Columbia, I have eight sets in all. These originally came from East Sussex, and they are all marked "R.W." ; the larger bells are marked "R. Wells." Together with them I hang on my wall some English harness, which one never sees out in this country. During the sleighing time I use some of the bells on my horses.—STUART ADAMSON.

TO THE RESCUE!

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—Knowing the interest COUNTRY LIFE always takes in the preservation of old and beautiful buildings, I should like to draw the attention of the paper to the danger threatening the old Blue Coat Hospital buildings in Liverpool. These buildings are situated in the centre of the town within a stone's throw of the main artery, Church Street. They form three sides of a small but very charming courtyard. They are in the Queen Anne manner, in red brick and stone, with all the brightness and cheerfulness these contrasting materials together with painted sash windows give when used, as here, in the broad Dutch manner. The local tradition attributes the building to Sir Christopher Wren. There seems, however, little foundation for this, beyond that certain details have obvious relationship to some of his well known work. The oval windows in the wings to the second floor above the long vertical ones to the first floor recall his fenestration at Hampton Court, while the detail of the main door recalls that of Brewer's Hall in the City of London. It is safer to say that the buildings are informed by his spirit than that they are from his actual hand. This courtyard, as will be judged from the illustrations, forms a quiet oasis among the modern commercial structures which surround it, where the veritable atmosphere of two hundred years ago can be enjoyed. No northern commercial city, such as Manchester, Leeds or Sheffield, has anything like it. The late Lord Leverhulme was so impressed with its value to Liverpool that he bought it, first as a home for the Liverpool School of Architecture and later, when that had to move away, he obtained plans for converting it into a sort of Cluny Museum for the town. Now, unfortunately,

the present Lord Leverhulme, much against his will, has had to put the site and buildings up for sale. The reason is the Death Duties. If not sold before, the whole will go to public auction in October. Situated where they are, there is no doubt, if sold, the buildings will be pulled down and some great office or warehouse structure take their place. Lord Derby has written urging the Corporation to step in. That is one hope. Another is that some benefactor to the town will come forward, but the sum asked for it is a large one, £42,000.

Liverpool has big ideas where new buildings are concerned, witness its cathedral, the new shipping offices and the Adelphi Hotel. An old building, however, is another matter. The need for saving it requires emphasising. When London loses its Foundling Hospital it will still have the Inns of Court, Queen Anne's Gate and many another quiet Georgian quarter. In spite of her charter dating from King John, if Liverpool loses this, she has no comparable old building, indeed any old building at all, left to her.—C. H. REILLY.



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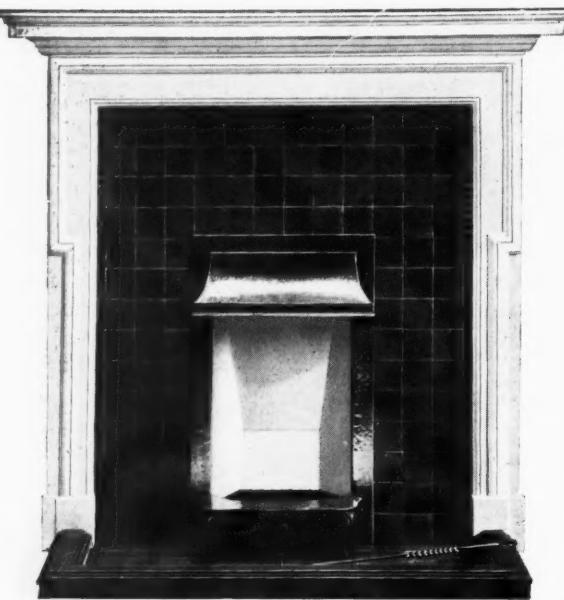
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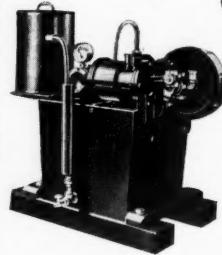
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A WASTE PAPER NEST.

To the EDITOR.

SIR,—I was asked by some people, who know that I make a study of birds and their nests, if I had ever seen a bird's nest made of paper. I replied, "No, and I never expect to!" Thereupon I was conducted to a farmyard, in the old stone wall of which was irrefutable evidence that the unexpected had happened. With pieces taken from a small heap of torn-up paper lying in the farmyard, a robin had built a nest in a crevice of this wall. This (so far as I know) unique nest was made almost entirely of paper, the only additions being a thin lining of horsehair and a piece or two of string. As can be seen in the photograph I took of this probably unprecedented occurrence in Nature, the robin had very skilfully constructed a cup shape with materials which must have been very difficult to deal with. Although the nest served its purpose fairly well, one of the baby robins fell out of it and perished, and it did not retain its shape so well as the ordinary robin nest, becoming rather flat.—GEO. HEARN.



"IF ALL THE WORLDE WERE PAPER."

the remains of the dead caterpillar behind.—DARLINGTON.

THREE MONTHS OLD.

To the EDITOR.

SIR,—I am sending you a photograph of two badgers who have become friends of mine.



"TO CARE ABOUT A BROCK."

I have always been interested in wild life and have kept many kinds of animals, and I find that I can generally get on well with them and make them do what I want. I do a good deal of ferreting and badger digging, and having one day got these two cubs out with their mother, I decided to let the mother go and keep the cubs. They very soon took to me. I fed them on bread and milk, and now at three months old they have an occasional rabbit as well. They are often loose in the garden all night, and always return to my call. They will follow me anywhere and know their names. They show no signs of vice, are very clean in their habits, and regard their own box and a burrow underneath it as their permanent home.—J. BAKER.

THE PUSS MOTH.

To the EDITOR.

SIR,—In reply to "S. R.'s" query, the puss moth is fairly common in the neighbourhood of poplar trees, as it is on the leaves of this tree that the caterpillars principally feed. I have lived many years on the borders of South Durham with numerous poplar trees about, and continually come across both the moth and the caterpillar. The latter often falls prey to the ichneumon fly, which lays its eggs in the body of the caterpillar. These hatch out when the victim is in the chrysalis state and feed on the body, eventually eating a way out of the chrysalis and leaving

SWEET LAVENDER.

To the EDITOR.

SIR,—I wonder if I may appeal to all those who have lavender in their gardens. We are having our annual sale in the early autumn in order to raise funds for our Sick Babies' Hospital, which is situated in the corner where Deptford and Greenwich meet—one of the poorest parts of Dockland. Last year, by the kindness of friends, the lavender alone realised £50. All bunches of lavender, large or small, sent to me at the Albany Institute, Creek Road, Deptford, S.E.8, will be gratefully acknowledged.—W. A. WAYLAND.

ABSENCE OF SCENT IN SITTING GAME.

To the EDITOR.

SIR,—In the early part of this month I saw a fine example of the absence of scent in a sitting partridge. Before proceeding, I should mention that the pointer concerned is an excellent game finder and has a very good nose indeed. My friend knew of a partridge sitting in a quite small single furze bush in an open moor. The wind was south-west, moderate and the day fine. He, being anxious to show me how the dog still behaved on game, we went to leeward of the bush and, giving the dog the wind, told him to "hold up." He at once began ranging, and at last began to feather in a half-hearted way some fifteen yards to the right of the bush. Finally, he "nosed up" the cock bird without having come to a definite point. My friend "lifted" and kept the dog ranging with short beats to leeward of the bush. No signs of the presence of game were shown by the dog, although he had got to within four or five yards of the bush. Naturally, thinking by the behaviour of the dog that the hen must be off the nest, my friend and I went close up to the bush and looked down into it, when, lo and behold, there she was sitting tight. Seeing us interested in the bush, the dog also began peering into it from bang to leeward, but with no signs of a point about him. After about two or three seconds, however, he commenced to stiffen and, finally, came to point. This was the first sign he gave of the presence of game. Almost immediately the partridge rose and disclosed fifteen eggs, which, I am pleased to tell you, she hatched out within the next two days. To show you we are both capable of interpreting behaviour of a dog in the presence of game, I hope you will excuse me mentioning that both my friend and I hold "handlers' certificates" for field trial work.—MORRIS C. LANGFORD.

THE YELLOW-CRESTED WHITE AUSTRALIAN COCKATOO.

To the EDITOR.

SIR,—It is usually believed by students of their habits that it is almost impossible to breed the yellow-crested white Australian cockatoo in England, and also that they seldom lay more than two eggs in a lifetime; it, therefore, may be of interest to the readers of COUNTRY LIFE to know that a Tasmanian friend of mine has had a contrary and very interesting experience with his cockatoos. The first bird, a cock, was bought in London and the hen in Wallingford a few weeks later, and they were together for seventeen years before they mated

and produced two young in 1923. The following year one egg was laid and successfully hatched, but in 1925 one egg was laid outside and broken, and then the hen laid two more and hatched both. In 1926 the sitting on one egg commenced on April 23rd, a bird was hatched on May 23rd, and removed from the nest feathered and crested completely on June 27th. This is always done about the same time, and the young bird or birds put in a wooden box with a little ledge to prevent escape. The parents feed the young, and at 5.30 every evening, until he is actually grown up, put him to bed and mount guard to see he "stays put"—an amusing thing to watch, since young cockatoos seem to dislike going to bed as much as children. Although fledged and crested fully at six weeks old, the plumage does not attain its full beauty till the end of two years, but from the first the birds are absolutely tame, and—a curious fact—exactly copy the speech of the parents, who are both fine talkers. They have never been taught, but they say the same words and sentences with the same intonation, and seem to understand speech as well as do the older birds. The aviary in which the birds live is kept always pleasantly heated, and is 30ft. long by 18ft. wide and 12ft. high, with a span roof whose greatest height is 18ft., and it is divided into three sections, one all closed in with a glass roof, the next all glass and the third open with wire netting only, and the younger birds, though free to fly loose all day, are generally put into cages within the aviary at night. In Australia these birds make their nests in the trunks of trees, and it is a curious thing that in captivity the instinct is just as strong, for the parents have burrowed in between the sections and laid their eggs at the bottom of a crack not more than 8ins. wide.—JOAN SUTHERLAND.

TWO TAME OWLS.

To the EDITOR.

SIR,—I am sending you two photographs of my two tame brown wood owls, which were hatched out in April. They ride everywhere with me, sitting on the front of my bicycle. They are also, as you see, very friendly with other members of the establishment.—H. T. CHATTOCK.



"WITH A BABY ON THE HANDLE-BARS."



"RIDE A COCK-HORSE."

ENTRIES FOR THE CESAREWITCH AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE

THE NEW RACECOURSE AT CHEPSTOW.

NINETY-SEVEN entries for the Cesarewitch, to be decided on October 13th, are twenty-six fewer than were received for the race four years ago. We must not infer that the numbers of staying racehorses in the country are steadily diminishing. Even the latest total suggests a flourishing state, though I am under no delusion as to the true meaning, the mere fact of just on a hundred horses being entered does not prove that there are nearly a hundred horses in the country with pretensions to stay two miles and a quarter at Newmarket. The Aga Khan and Sir Abe Bailey are the largest individual subscribers with four each. Thus, the four year old Vermilion Pencil, and the three year olds Dark Japan, Lady Lawless and Cimiez have been entered in the Aga Khan's name. Vermilion Pencil is the horse that started favourite for and won the Manchester Cup in very heavy going. He also won the Alexandra Stakes at Ascot, so that the handicapper will have no difficulty in appraising his true form. Dark Japan is not well known to English racegoers. He is a French bred horse that was purchased by the Aga Khan just before the race for the Grand Prix, in which he carried his new owner's colours. He did not particularly impress me, either before the race or in it, but it is quite likely that his English trainer has worked some improvement in him. Lady Lawless cost a lot of money as a yearling, and she was a winner as a two year old, but her record on the racecourse is an extremely moderate one, and not in keeping with the large sum paid for her. Still, there should be plenty of time before her, while there is her potential value at the stud to bear in mind. Cimiez happens to be half-brother to the mare Charley's Mount that won the Cesarewitch for the Aga Khan at 100 to 1 against. About June of this year there were big hopes for the future where Cimiez was concerned. He did not quite give satisfaction, but he gave the idea that he was an individual of many possibilities that wanted patience and much time in his training.

SIR ABE BAILEY'S FOUR.

Sir Abe Bailey's four are Cloudbank, Foxlaw, Market Basket and Hercules. Cloudbank is half owned by him, the other half being the property of Mr. J. B. Joel, whose trainer, C. Peck, now has the horse at Foxhill. He is such a good-looking individual, and set up such an admirable record last season, that I cannot think his 1926 form, indifferent as it is, can be right. The handicapper is bound to give him a fair chance on his running this season. Foxlaw was the lucky winner of the Northumberland Plate at the expense of Tournesol, who soon afterwards won the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket, having behind him on that occasion Cimiez and Cassiot. Foxlaw strikes me as being one of the few genuine stayers in the race. Hercules is something of an unknown quantity, though I made a note of him at Goodwood, where I thought he ran very creditably behind Glommen for the Cup. Frequently it happens that Sir Abe Bailey is associated with a much fancied horse for this long distance handicap—Tishy, Cylone, and others occur to mind!—and Hercules may be the one destined for notoriety on this occasion.

Mr. A. K. Macomber, who won the race last year with Forseti, Mr. S. B. Joel, and Mr. James de Rothschild have entered three. Forseti, of course, is one of Mr. Macomber's. Another is Masked Ruler, a horse I saw run remarkably well in the race for the Grand Prix. He was beaten less than half a length from the winner. The three year old brother of the Cambridgeshire winner, Masked Marvel, struck me as being a natural stayer. Naturally, Glommen appears in the name of Mr. S. B. Joel. Mr. Dawkins will know how to deal with him without putting him right out of court. He is deserving of a chance, for he is the most successful, as he is the most consistent, stayer of the year, if we except his unaccountable defeat at Ascot. Mr. James de Rothschild's trio includes Mendoza, the grey Tetraarch horse that made a race of it with Glommen for the Goodwood Cup.

Glancing at some of the others, one notes that the second and third of last year, Motley and Confirmation, respectively, are duly entered. Mr. Harry Cottrill, the trainer, has put in his two bargain selling platters, Miss Sport and Oakwood. The former won him the Ascot Stakes, and Oakwood up to the time of writing has won him two nice races. And both were rescued by him from the ranks of the selling platters. Of the entry from the Manton stable I note the names of Tournesol, to whom I have referred, and Lancegaye, second for the Derby and the winner of the Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot. It is curious to note that the Hon. George Lambton, who is so keen on encouraging stayers in this country, has been able to make only a small entry from his powerful Stanley House stable. Lord Derby's Mandelieu, who was so much fancied last year, has not been entered at all. Apparently, he has come to the conclusion that this gelding will never stay the distance of the Cesarewitch course. But he has found a place for his good old servant, Spithead, who a year ago won the Chester Cup, and is really a worthy old "Dobbin" in every sense. Everyone will sympathise with Mr. Lambton and Mrs. Arthur James that the latter's three year old filly, Cymophane, should have broken a leg at exercise and, in

consequence, had to be destroyed. This must have happened immediately after her entry had gone in last week.

Winalot is entered again, but he will not get the course as he showed us a year ago. Hidennis has the Chester Cup this year to his credit, but, apart from those I have mentioned and a few others, there are horses in the entry that would never win a Cesarewitch under any circumstances and conditions. They have no pretensions to stay even a mile and a half, and one marvels at the optimism of their owners, or, in some cases, their trainers. I am glad Sir John Rutherford has resisted the temptation to enter Solario. If he had done so it would not have been with the intention of running his champion, but merely in order to note how Mr. Dawkins would have appraised him in relation to the best of the others. I should say the weight would have been nearer 10st. than 9st.

With regard to the Cambridgeshire, we have an entry of 107, which compares with ninety-six in each of the years 1921 and 1924 and 125 in 1922. Here, again, certain owners have been all embracing in their patronage of the race. Mr. Macomber has at all times been a big believer in entering "the whole fleet," as it were, and he would be stimulated to do so on this occasion by reason of having won the race last year with Masked Marvel. There are seven to his name this time, and, of course, they include last year's winner. Others are Insight II (a winner on the July Course this year), Brumaire, Sun God II, War Mist, The Wolf (also in the Cesarewitch), and The Sirdar, who was third in Manna's Derby. Most of those horses are in France to-day, and there is a fair sprinkling of other entries from France, as also there are where the Cesarewitch is concerned. There will be much curiosity to note how Oojah comes to be treated by the handicapper. His win of the King George Stakes at Goodwood, when apparently totally unfancied by his joint owners, the Messrs. Joel, will not soon be forgotten. He appears in the entry in the name of Mr. S. B. Joel, who is also responsible for Prompt, Pons Asinorum, Green Fire and Pantera. The best of them, if he can be trained, I venture to say, is last year's second, Pons Asinorum.

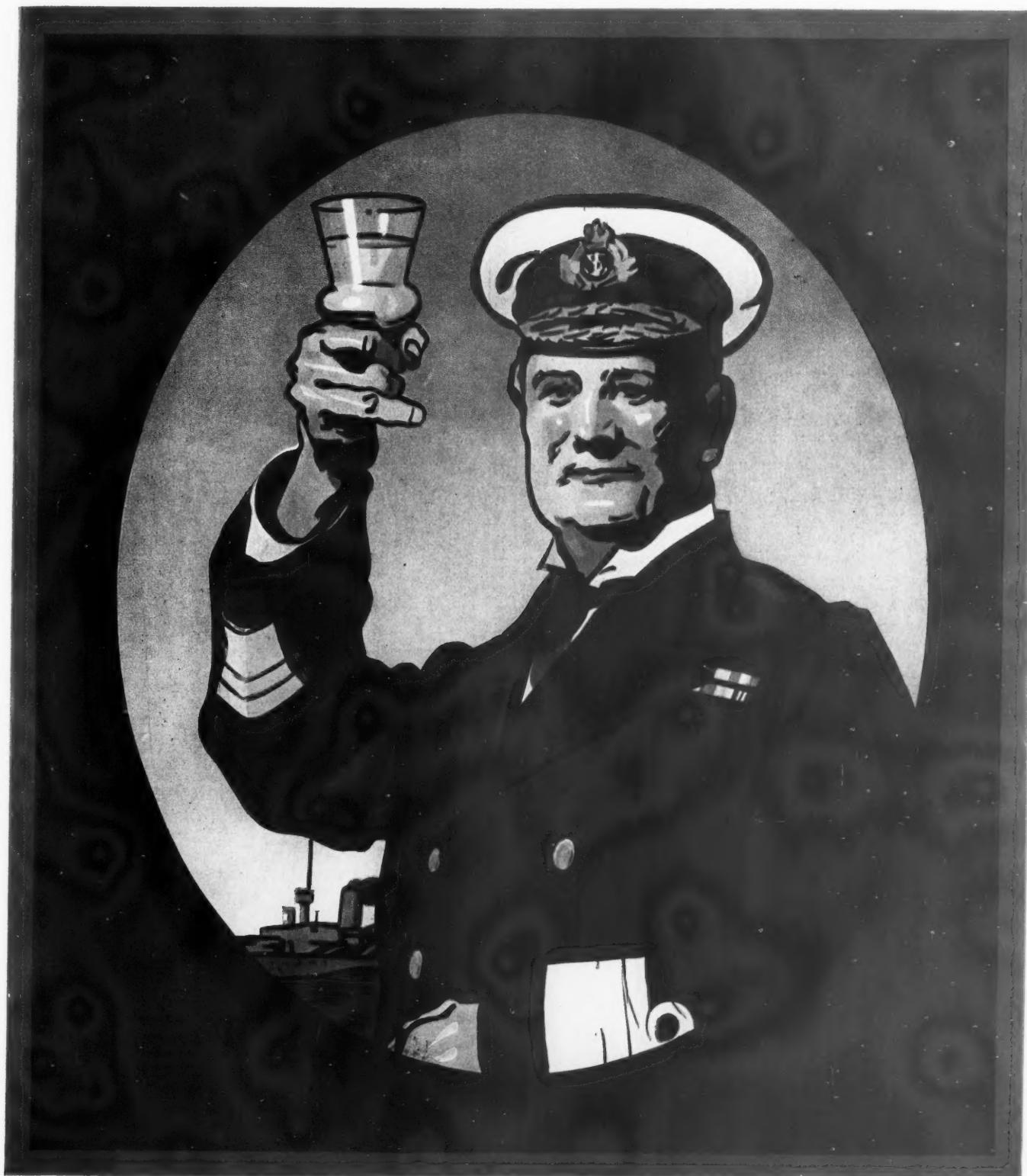
Sir Abe Bailey's hand of four is made up of Lex, Blueberg and two others. Sir George Bullough has in three, and obviously has some notion that Ethnarch will stay the nine furlongs. Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, too, is thinking the same thing about his £10,000 purchase, Highborn II, with whom the doubt must be even bigger. One misses the name of any of the English classic winners from the entry, though Embargo, who took the Irish Two Thousand Guineas and Irish Derby, has a place found for him. The Manton entry here is far stronger, numerically, at least, than the Cesarewitch entry, which is rather reversing the usual order of things. It includes Lord Astor's Cross Bow, Mr. Tattersall's Foliation, Mr. Singer's Sparus, and Mr. Reid Walker's Inca. Lord Derby is relying on his three year olds, Caissot and Rainbow Bridge, and the Aga Khan, too, favours his three year old Cimiez and the rather disappointing four year old Zambo.

When the time comes Lord Lonsdale's Warden of the Marches will find a conspicuous place in the handicap, and, incidentally, it is interesting to note that this horse is to find a place at the Adare Stud after all. The late Lord Dunraven, it will be recalled, bought him for £20,000 just before his death, which rather complicated the matter where the Trustees were concerned, as they found the horse on their hands. The obvious course open to them was to put him up for sale on the expiration this year of the lease to Lord Lonsdale, and this would have been done had not the new Lord Dunraven seen fit to take over the purchase. Warden of the Marches, then, is to go to this first-class stud in Ireland, and, we are told that his fee is to be £200 a mare.

CHEPSTOW: THE NEW RACE COURSE.

The event of last week's racing was undoubtedly the opening of the new racecourse at Chepstow. It is unquestionably a good course, and in that sense ever so much better as a test for horses, and also in the matter of convenience for the public, than many other racecourses which have long been in existence in this country. Some we would like to see done away with. With valuable experience behind them, it would have been astonishing had the new course in Monmouthshire not been modern in every sense. A high standard has been aimed at, and as Wales and the south-west of England have been little catered for in flat racing, there should be a solid future before this venture. It was bad luck for those responsible that the inaugural meeting coincided with the paralysis in the coal industry, which is so affecting South Wales, and, in a lesser degree, that the weather on the opening day was far from being propitious. However, visitors were favourably impressed, though this may not apply to the main body of backers. On the second day one or two popular fancies for the Chepstow Summer Cup, including Naldera, were vanquished by the lightly-weighted four year old, Bessborough, owned by Mr. W. R. Lysaght, who is a director of the new course, and trained by Basil Jarvis.

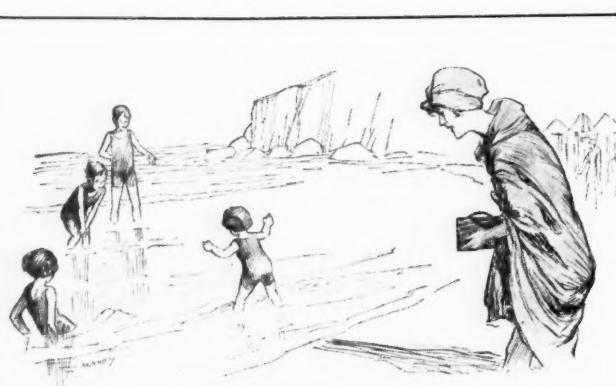
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ON FARM MACHINERY

IN CEREAL GROWING AND IN DAIRY FARMING EXTRAORDINARY.

OUR inconsistent climate is responsible for a good deal of the farmers' costs of production, but this handicap can be greatly minimised by the adoption of up-to-date machinery and by adapting that machinery to local conditions.

Because a certain type of machine is used extensively abroad, it does not follow that its use would be successful here. What we, as British farmers, have seriously to consider is how to cheapen production and so compete against the world in our own markets.

(1) We must adopt any and every means of saving labour. The labourer to-day will not do heavy labourers' work, but will drive a machine or horses.

(2) We must scrap what I call "traditional British methods of cultivation" and copy the Colonial. In this way it is possible to beat him at his own game.

(3) We must, like our competitors, market our own produce systematically and collectively.

Let us commence with the worst end of farming—cereal growing on second-rate land miles from a station. The writer has taken a tractor and attached it to a four-furrow plough (self-lift) fitted with a seed-box, and a harrow hitched on behind. One man has operated this, and successfully ploughed and planted an average of five acres daily. When the cereal is up



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be the same on the farm. He should be an expert, and, with his brain, control and use the machine to do the labourer's work.

I am inclined to agree with the opinion of the Colonials, where cereal growing is the main plank, that too much money should not be spent in playing with the land. Plant it quickly with plenty of seed and fertilise with artificials which are cheap, and not with sheep. Sell your grain from the field, plant your autumn corn early and then shut down for the winter. This

is possible if you keep a few skilled men and use dual-purpose implements—chiefly tractors.

If and when your arable land wants a change and a rest, sow it down to temporary leys for a few years, and where water is obtainable feed the crop with cattle or sheep. If well grazed for several years, the land will be firm and will plough up well and in good heart and clean. The ploughing and seeding can be accomplished in one operation—all this without manure carting or handling sheep. Or if you wish to dairy on your arable farm, you can work in exactly the same way by adopting the method of movable milking sheds, which I find so successful at Wexcombe. You will need, of course, to arrange your roots or forage crops in close proximity to the temporary pastures so that the cartage distance to the cows shall be short. By this method you improve the fertility of the temporary pasture, and when ploughed up it is in good heart and will grow either roots or cereals.



Tractor-driven hay sweep, which supersedes the horse sweep shown in the companion picture.

through the soil an artificial manure distributor goes over the land, giving it 1 cwt. of nitrogenous manure and probably about 2 cwt. of phosphate and the same of kainit. After this treatment a tractor roller and harrow are put over in one operation. The crop is then left till harvest-time.

The tillage operations up to this point are not very costly, but our British methods of harvesting this crop are costly. They can be very much shortened, and great economy can be effected if a reaper-thresher or stripper is used. "True," you may say, "but what about the straw that is so valuable?" Just calculate and see what the handling charges are on the straw from the binder to the railway station or (if used on the farm) till returned to the land. If the straw were not taken, the manurial value would be there without labour, and this would enable the soil to keep up its humus supplies. Of course we know that some seasons would make this method very difficult owing to the moisture in the grain, but this could be overcome by kiln drying.

By using a reaper-thresher the only labour required would be a man on the tractor and another handling the harvester and tying sacks. My experience of the labourer of to-day is that he cannot (or will not) do heavy manual work or a lot of walking, but put him on a machine and he is interested. The British agricultural implements and machines are more or less units, and are not constituted to carry out a multiplicity of jobs. In a factory one man is capable of minding several machines, and it should



A sixteen-foot sweep horse rake which can cover forty acres in a day.

Electricity.—Probably the time is not far distant when electrical power farming will be possible in districts through which the cables will be carried from the generating stations to the towns. The disc plough and harrow are not used enough in this country. These are good implements, but the British farmer does not know how to use them.

Artificial Drying Plants.—There is not the slightest doubt that this method is effective, but I am very doubtful if it will be adopted to any extent. It would not be very workable on large farms where several corn ricks are built every day. The method followed by the writer in adverse harvest weather has been to allow the grain to get well ripe, and then cut with binder and cart straight away. Make the ricks round and rather small, and pull a large chaff-basket up through the centre when building. It is also necessary to lay a large pipe on the staddle, which will allow a current of air to circulate up through the centre of the rick. The above method is not possible if there is much green in the butts of the sheaves; in such cases the alternative is to thresh and kiln dry.

The farm tractor has not been exploited to anything like its full capacity. For purely land work the tractor should have all its wheels driving, and should be able to turn a corner at right angles for mowing and binding. It should have three speeds, and be constructed to go backwards; in fact, it should be the same for both directions. We could then use one-way ploughs, and we all know how advantageous this is. They



A tractor sweeping straw for stacking.

climb better, especially when breaking down the furrow with all wheels gripping, and they travel over loose soil without difficulty. I know such a tractor is possible, because we built one on the farm some years ago and used it several seasons, and I have it yet.

The light farm tractor of to-day with three speeds is very useful for road work if rubber pads are provided for the rear wheels and a spring fitted on the front axle. A very cheap and effective method of fitting these pads is to procure some old lorry tyres, cut them up into short lengths of about one foot and bolt them on crosswise; this gives a better grip than a continuous tyre. A two-wheel trailer is the best to attach, because you can keep the wheels well to the rear, and so throw the weight on to the tractor to ensure a good grip of the road.

In the hay season the tractor could be used much more extensively. Horses ought not to do the grass cutting when a tractor is on the farm. I wonder why hay sweeps are not adapted for tractors more; there is no more tiring work than pulling a sweep load of hay up hill. I have used a tractor for mowing and hay sweeping for years. The hay sweep is a good thing, but in its present form is only a makeshift, and it could be vastly improved. Just picture a large sweep load of hay brought to the elevator. It is driven into a heap in a hard tangled mass, and then we proceed to tear it to pieces and throw into the elevator—what a waste of human energy! When the hay gets on the rick the process is repeated, though to a lesser degree. Why could not that mass of hay be lifted from the sweep and conveyed to the rick and placed in position intact? The present-day operation usually absorbs six or seven men, but it ought to be made possible for two men to accomplish the job. These are days when we want men to operate machines, and not to do laborious work in hot weather. I can foresee the time when I shall scrap the above crude method and start afresh.

We have, say, a field of hay just ready for carting. I would get a miniature hay loader and attach to a light automatic baler (such as I saw abroad); hitch this to a tractor, and as it proceeds up the windrows the short hay loader will feed the baler. If desirable, the bales could be carried on a platform and deposited in heaps—and all this with only one man. It would easily be possible for three or four men and two wagons and elevators to cart and stack 20 tons of hay daily. The



A glass-lined motor milk tank loading at the dairy.

hay would be in a handy form for feeding cattle, and, being pressed, would not make such bulky stacks.

Dairy Farming.—Milk production is increasing at an alarming rate, and to absorb this increase it may be necessary to reduce the retail price to the public in the near future. This will mean cutting the costs of the distributor as well as the producer. I could suggest economies in both, but this present article is dealing with the production side, and the writer describes below how he has cheapened and improved his methods within the last four years.

In 1920 this was a large arable farm of nearly two thousand acres, without fences, badly watered and practically no buildings, and to-day, in addition to other cattle, nearly four hundred cows are being milked, still without buildings, and at an altitude of nearly eight hundred and seventy feet. The first step was to lay down grass, then fence and lay on water. The major portion was watered by putting down a deep bore-hole. The problem of keeping herds of cows on the hill land was solved by constructing portable cowsheds, in which were fitted "Simplex" milking machines of the releaser type, and fitted with mechanical pulsators. These I obtained from New Zealand, because I wanted mechanical pulsators and the bucket type of plant. None of those I had ever seen in operation in this country embodied these features. I mention these because they are vital to success. I copied the New Zealand farmers because I know they attribute their success in dairying firstly to the milking machine; probably 90 to 95 per cent. of their cows are milked by machine. The industry could not have expanded with hand milking, because labour is so dear.

I get hundreds of critical visitors, who anxiously enquire if the cows' quarters are damaged, or if they lose their milk quickly, and when I tell them our average of milk per cow is over seven hundred gallons, they are astonished. My milking cows are out in the open air all the year round, and never see a yard (except the temporary milking yard). The result is that I never get troubled with tuberculosis, because Nature has provided a sanatorium for them. Milk produced on these lines is pure, wholesome and clean.

The hope of agriculture in the future lies in organising. This will lead to the adoption of efficient machinery and labour-saving methods, scientific research in the use of artificial manures and feeding stuffs, and, last but not least, in the marketing of our produce.

A. J. HOSIER.

IN THE SEASON OF CORN HARVEST

THE season of corn harvest is one touched with rejoicing and sadness at the same time. It is the first reminder that the fruits of the year's work have arrived at full maturity, but it also suggests that the season of unknown properties is not far distant. In the majority of cases harvest this year is associated with a more optimistic outlook, for agriculture is throwing off the burden of uncertainty which has been on its threshold since the days of soaring prices gave place to a disastrous slump. This year harvest is not only earlier than usual, but the crops are also better than the average. It has been a general comment with arable farmers on meeting each other to say, "We are looking well this year." Whatever this spells for the future it is not easy to say, but, unfortunately, one often finds that a good harvest results in a lowering of prices, owing to the operations of the law of supply and demand. But on a basis of net returns good farming with its good crops always pays better than average farming, though the pull is perhaps better in those years when the general results are not so favourable all round as in the present case.

Experience, however, is a good instructor, and the wise man is always gleaning knowledge. One of the most noticeable features of the past few years has been the anxious searching after truth which arable farmers have shown after having faced extremely bad years. It is true that some have been crushed and have gone out of business, and yet, despite the almost exasperating experiences, there has been no general stampede off the land. Where one man has fallen out there have been several wishing to take his place. This, of all things, has been the most hopeful feature of our agriculture during the past five years, and it has, perhaps, been the one feature which has removed the possibility of considerable legislative aid. The depressions of last century with their tales of derelict farms have not been repeated in the present instance, for there has been displayed a greater resourcefulness, and farmers have not been slow to profit by the advice and example of those who have held their own. Yet, again, in discussing this question of losses, these in many cases have been paper losses due to depreciation, though this, unfortunately, has not always been

the case on the arable areas. It is another matter when the produce of the land will not meet on a satisfactory basis the costs of producing this produce, and even now the only hopeful future is the prospects of full barns and a crowded stack-yard.

But harvest is not only a season of filling barns, it is also a season of instruction. It is the time, above all others, when the year's work can be reviewed in the light of its results, and this is one of the most necessary duties in modern farming. If the future is to be brighter than the past, then previous experiences cannot be treated as of no account, while there is no salvation in accepting bad results as the sole stroke of fortune. The modern agriculturist is, properly speaking, an investigator. By dint of trial he must arrive at the best types of cereal for his holding and the management which is best calculated to give the desired result. There can be no room for laxity in the modern agricultural era, for the success of a farm is as dependent on methodical enquiry and practice as the success of any business. That there is even greater need for keenness in the sphere of agriculture must be recognised from the fact that few other industries are so dependent upon one uncontrollable factor, *viz.*, the weather. Yet even here modern experience has learnt much towards going a long way to defeating climatic variations and irregularities.

Good as the present season has been in some ways, there are yet many differences between the crops in one field and those in another. In the one case, the crop is upstanding and thick on the ground, and in the other the heads look well but the bottom is only thinly covered with plants and weeds are very numerous. This is a common experience and points to a moral worth remembering, that the heavier the crops the cleaner the land, and the cleaner the land the more successful the future cropping is likely to be. There are many related factors in farming, and this is one of the most important. One naturally asks how these good weed-smothering crops of cereals are to be grown, and the answer is, firstly, to select a good winter hardy variety of cereal; secondly, to manure it efficiently; and, thirdly, to sow it sufficiently early so that it does not have a severe struggle over winter.



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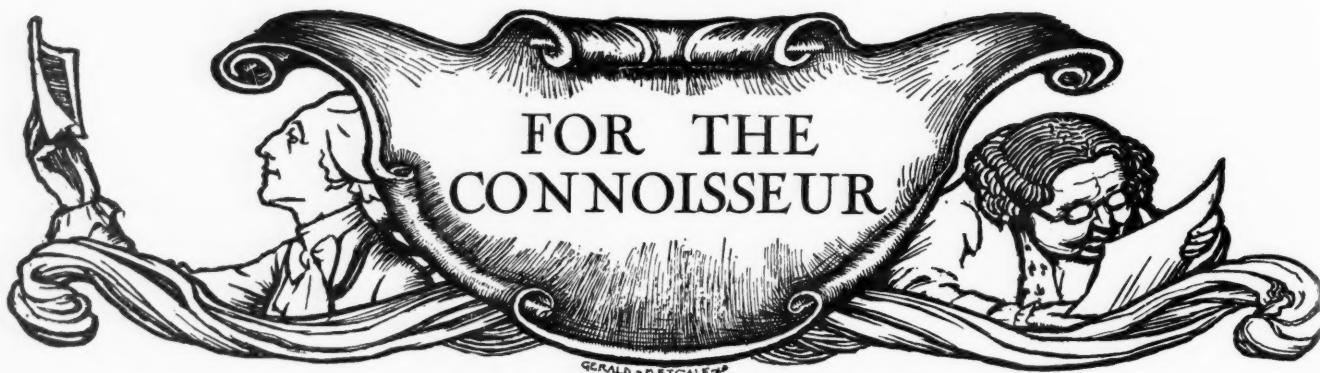
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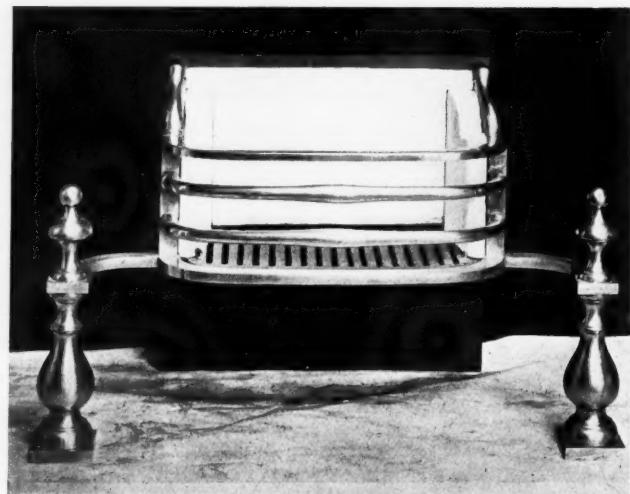
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THE BASKET GRATE

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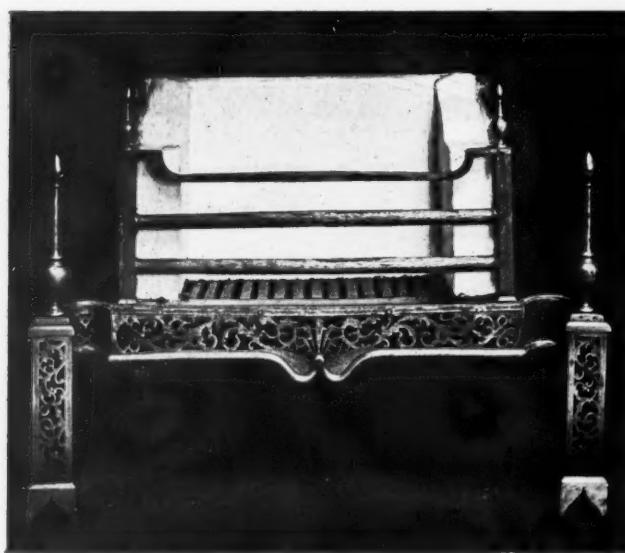


1.—IRON BASKET GRATE WITH BALUSTER STANDARDS, CIRCA 1720.

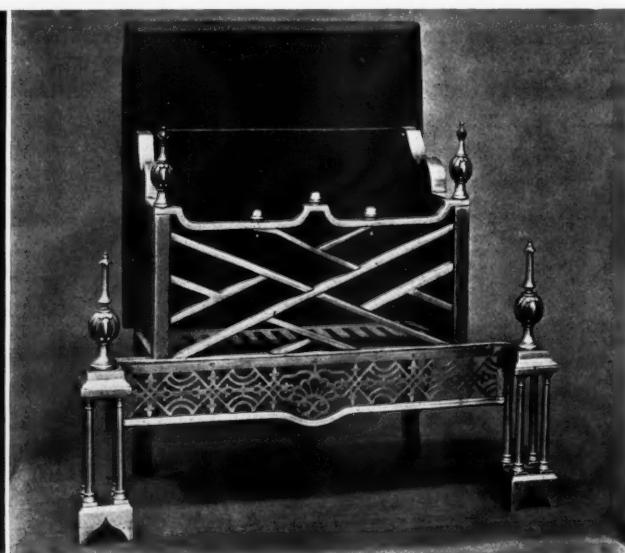
in the "Director," and are shown both *in situ* in Chippendale's designs for chimneypieces and separately. The ornamental parts are recommended (he writes) "to be of wrought brass, as they may be made to take off, and will be easily cleaned." Even the revived Gothic is illustrated, of which taste the hall firegrate at Tissington in Derbyshire is a surviving example. This grate, set in a chimneypiece which is a flamboyant example of the eighteenth century revived Gothic, has its front bars and standards formed as a Gothic arcade, while in the pierced apron an intricate stock pattern with dragon motifs is used. The Chinese taste is expressed in the diagonal latticing of the bars in a grate (Fig. 3) in which the standards are formed of four columns surmounted by a finial.

Even before the architects Robert Adam and Sir William Chambers turned their attention to the design of the grate it had become a costly accessory. Samuel Derrick when on a visit to Baskerville at Birmingham in 1760, notes the "elegance" of his apartments, and that the grate and furniture belonging to the room in which he dined, but called "a smoking room," were of "bright wrought iron and cost him a round sum." Amateurs of this period noted the design and expense of the grates in the houses they visited, and in 1766 Lady Mary Coke begs Lord Strafford for a drawing of the grate in his new eating room as (she writes) "I propose to have one in my house in town."

In form and detail the basket grate was converted by Robert Adam to the strict classic. The receptacle for coals is often a semicircle, the tapering standards are treated as pilasters



2.—IRON GRATE WITH PIERCED AND ENGRAVED APRON, C. 1730.



3.—IRON BASKET GRATE WITH FRONT IN CHINESE STYLE, C. 1755.

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and often terminate in urn finials. The openwork of the apron is saw-cut, and the detail enriched with studs and faceted pateras of varying sizes. In a grate from the Victoria and Albert Museum the enrichment of applied and faceted oval pateras and studs and beading is supplemented by engraving. One of the richest examples of perforated and studded detail is the grate from the drawing-room at Lyme Park, Cheshire (Fig. 4), where the apron and the spandrels are filled with pierced and studded scrollwork of filigree delicacy, and the standards are also enriched with fine applied detail. Such grates ranged through a considerable variety of prices. At Raynham in Norfolk the Rev. James Woodforde admired in 1780 the drawing-room grate as the finest he had ever seen, "all of steel and most highly polished," whereas at Fawley Court about a decade earlier Mrs. Lybbe Powys tells us that a grate cost 200 guineas.



4.—STEEL BASKET-GRATE FROM LYME HALL. *Circa 1785.*

pieces the elaborate constructions which would come under her care."

At Kedleston is a great variety of grates dating from the Adams' additions and decoration, while in the great hall the two fireplaces have a grate-basket with curved standards in the form of winged rams bearing urns upon their heads, which is later in date. After the "Grecian" taste a massive sarcophagus-shaped grate was introduced, with wide basket and heavy standards, occasionally enriched with cast brass ornament. Later in the nineteenth century these cast brass mounts were more elaborate, and the jurors at the 1851 exhibition gave their opinion that the grates were then so complex that the "process of keeping them in order would seem to require that a whitesmith formed part of our establishment, or that the housemaid should have a practical education to enable her to take to

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THE ESTATE MARKET HOLIDAY INFLUENCES

THE period covered by the present notes has been typical of the early part of August, that is to say holidays have been uppermost in the minds of the majority of people, and the transactions announced represent the results of negotiations during July, rather than any tendency to do very much in the first fortnight or so of the vacation. There is, however, a promising inquiry for particulars, and some of the auctions arranged for this month seem likely to make up in their success for the smallness of their number. The sale of Littlestone-on-Sea land and houses in Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley's list, will take place locally, in September. Sir Robert Perks has lent The Hall for the occasion. Blackmore End, the modern house and over 400 acres, two miles from Wheathampstead, handy for that and the Harpenden golf courses, comes under the hammer of the same firm on August 18th, at St. Albans.

On the instructions of Mr. Arthur G. Hobson, Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley will submit to auction Bishop's Sutton House, Alresford, and the training establishment made famous by the late Mr. Arthur Yates, the amateur trainer. The estate is near Alresford, midway between Winchester and Alton, and on its mile of private gallop and jumping course over two thousand winners have been trained, including Cloister, the winner of the Grand National in 1893.

The modern residential property of Grey Walls, Cirencester, erected regardless of expense, with 19 acres of land, is for sale by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley.

Freehold property, No. 103, Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park, has been sold by the same firm, Messrs. Mullett, Booker and Co. being concerned for the purchasers.

Opposite Roehampton Polo Club and having long frontages to Roehampton Lane, is a building site which has this week been sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, for development.

Lord Chesham has sold Burlington Arcade, Piccadilly.

Canons Park, 300 acres, at Edgware, once part of the domain of "the princely Duke of Chandos," has changed hands through Messrs. Ellis and Son, in conjunction with Messrs. Cross and Cross.

GODMERSHAM PARK, KENT.

ONCE more the early Georgian house in East Kent, with 1,580 acres, calls for reference in these columns, being for sale by private treaty by Messrs. J. Carter Jonas

and Sons, jointly with Messrs. G. W. Finn and Sons. Godmersham Park has a tie of personal connection with Chawton House, Alton, for Edward Austen became Mr. Knight of Godmersham and Chawton because he was adopted as heir by a childless couple who were but distant cousins of Edward's father, George Austen, rector of Steventon and Deane, who was also the father of four other sons of distinction and of two daughters, Cassandra and the immortal Jane Austen. There is, for those who like to assign an actual place to all the scenes in novels, ample scope for further examination of Jane Austen's letters and works in the light of the traditions of Godmersham Park. It is true that Jane Austen spent most of her time at Chawton, and lived from 1809 until certainly 1817 in a house that still stands there, but she was at Godmersham a great deal, and one of a very distinguished circle of friends and relatives of the Knights, who then held sway at Godmersham and were leaders of the bright and wealthy society of the county. When Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley sold the estate for Lord Masham in May, 1920, it was of almost 6,000 acres. Regrettably, for writing about it is almost as pleasant as revisiting it, we must hasten on.

The mansion is an exquisite example of early Georgian architecture, and its interior decorations in the Adam style are famous, and have been often described, and the influence, at any rate of Grinling Gibbons is abundantly evident in the carving. The old Pilgrims' Way from Winchester to Becket's shrine at Canterbury skirts the park, and part of the ancient priory exists in Godmersham Court Lodge, which is included in the present offer. But in some ways a more important adjunct is Winchcombe Manor, a beautiful Jacobean manor house, the seat of the Carter family from the reign of Edward II until the eighteenth century. To come down to the last few years, it may be added that Godmersham Park served during the war as the anchorage and refitting station of the "blimps" or small airships which did so much to frustrate the activities of enemy submarines in the Channel. It is a good sporting property, with agricultural value of a high order, and it ought not to remain long in the market.

NUTHALL TEMPLE TO BE LET.

WELL furnished with fine examples of Georgian work, Chippendale and other masters, Nuthall Temple, three or four miles from the centre of Nottingham, is to be let on lease for any term not exceeding twenty-one years, with shooting over 1,200 acres,

of which 125 acres are woods. The agents are Messrs. Walker, Walton and Hanson. So much for the matter of the moment, and now let us turn briefly to the permanent glories of the Temple. On April 28th and May 5th, 1923, illustrated special articles in COUNTRY LIFE presented the principal facts about the property and explained its relation to Mereworth, a Kentish creation that has been mentioned in the Estate Market column in recent years. We avoid the use of the term "architecture" in writing of these structures, for the writer on Nuthall Temple expressly says they "lacked only one thing—Architecture. They were Palladio." This is no disparagement, and where such modern features as central heating, electric light, and main gas and water have been provided, as at Nuthall Temple, there is an opportunity for someone to take a tenancy of something that has a valuable quality of distinction united to solid comfort.

Mereworth was finished in 1723, and in 1728-30 Campbell built a similar villa, a copy of Villa Capra, Vicenza, at Chiswick, for Lord Burlington. Nuthall Temple was begun in 1754 for Sir Charles Sedley by T. Wright, probably the architect son of the bricklayer of the Chiswick building, if so, it was Stephen Wright, who succeeded Flitcroft at Hampton Court. Whoever he was, he applied principles which Adam and Richardson were to popularise. There seems room for doubt as to whether the Sedley was not one of the Sidleys who had an ancestral connection with the Romney Marsh district of Kent.

The Octagon Hall of Nuthall Temple represents the high-water mark of rococo in England, and its plasterwork medallions of Aesop's Fables are by a foreign craftsman. It was residentially the most comfortable of the four Palladian villas in England, and it had the prettiest gardens. The Nuthall plasterwork is infinitely finer than the same type of design in the library of Christ Church done in 1761 by perhaps the same artists. Just about the same time comparable plasterwork was finished at the Royal Fort, Gloucester, at Hagley (by Vassalli), and at Powderham Castle. It has extreme delicacy and infinite variety. For an idea of the whole effect of Nuthall Temple and its wealth of art we must refer the reader to the two lavishly illustrated and fully detailed articles above cited.

Belmont Hall, an Adam house with notable decorations at Northwich, awaits a buyer or tenant through the agency of Messrs. Boult, Son and Maples. The Liverpool firm states that the house has been comfortably

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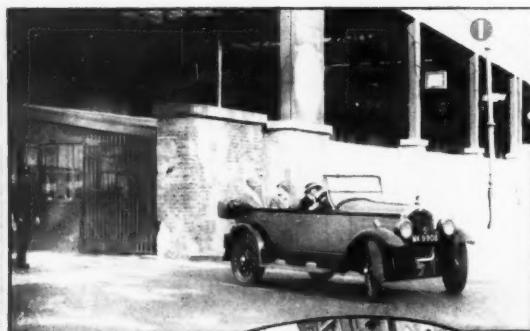
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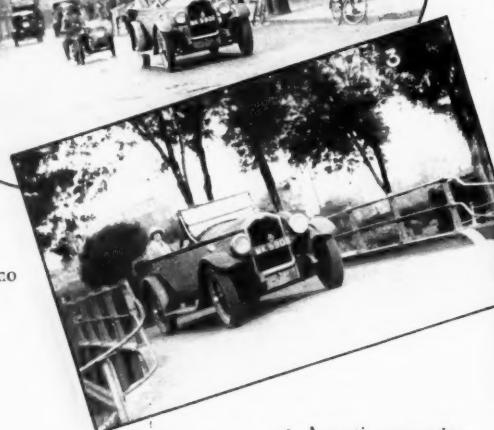
An ounce of practical demonstration is worth many pounds of mere claim and protestation.

Here, then, is practical proof of the remarkable ease of control which has always been claimed for the Buick. The following account of an actual performance has a deep interest and significance for motorists of any age and either sex.

1. The start from Hendon.



2. Traffic offered no difficulty.



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The Buick and its ease of Control

ON your seventeenth birthday, with your brand-new licence in your pocket, to take the wheel of a car for the first time in your life and drive from London to the sea—what a delightful experience!

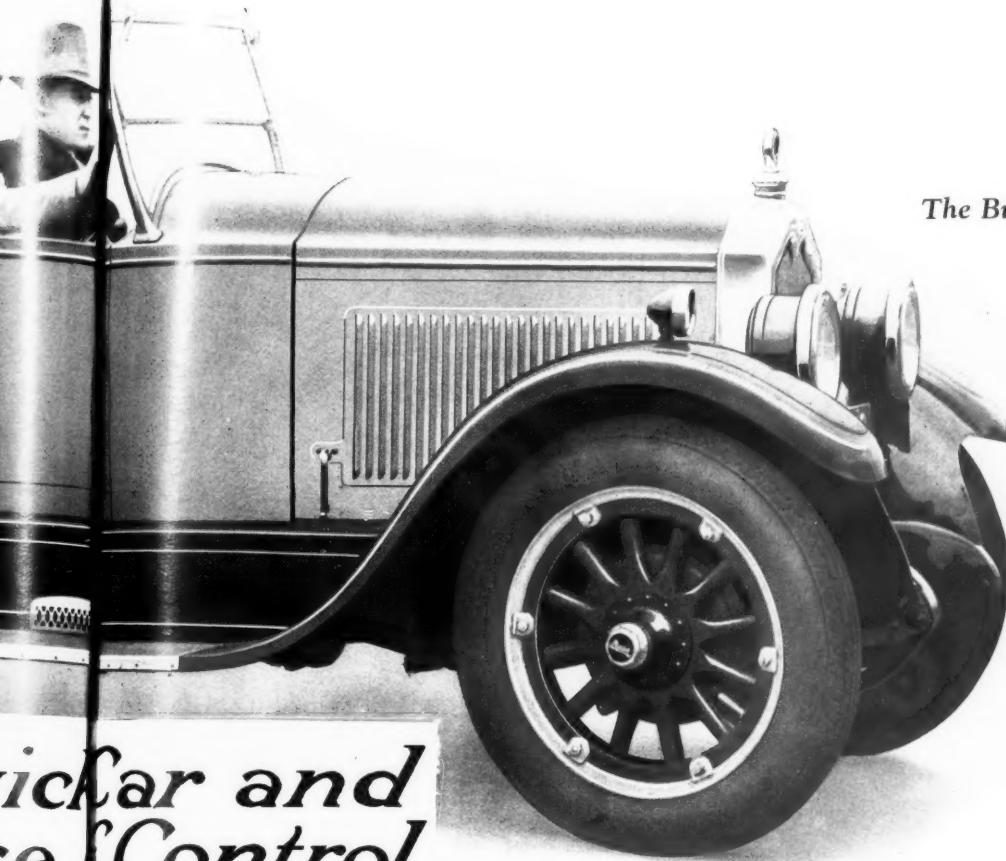
This feat, which we believe to be unique in the history of motoring, was actually performed on July 10th, 1926, by a London schoolgirl, Miss Doreen White, of 30, Wyatt Road, Forest Gate, Essex.

After a few minutes in the stationary Buick, spent in learning the controls, this young lady took control of the car at Hendon and drove it to Southend, a distance of 58 miles. Not once did the experienced driver who sat by her side find it necessary to touch the controls, although Hendon Hill had to be negotiated at the outset, and much traffic was met with at various points.

Such confidence did the beautiful behaviour of the Buick inspire, that the young driver ended the journey by driving down the crowded High Street of Southend in top gear.

Here are Miss White's impressions of the trip in her own words:—

"When on my seventeenth birthday I set out to drive the car, I was too excited to realise to the full what I was going to do. On reaching the works I saw the Buick which I was to take to Southend. It struck me that I could never possibly take charge of the imposing-looking car.



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"One of the first roads I took led up Hendon Hill, and this I took in top gear, wondering all the time whether I should be able to get to the summit. I had a strange feeling that the car would roll backwards, and that I should be powerless to stop it.

"After a few miles, however, this strange feeling passed off and I began to enjoy driving. I no longer sat bolt upright but lolled comfortably back in my seat. By the time I reached a crowded area I was quite at home on the road, and felt a glow of pride each time I got through a tough corner successfully.

"After I had been on the road for about 20 minutes I felt the desire for speed, and I was no longer chary about pressing on the accelerator. I went at a moderate pace until I reached the Southend road, and then I felt what it is like to drive a fast-moving car. Each time I overtook and passed another vehicle, I felt pride in the engine which had made this possible. When I reached Southend I felt genuinely sorry that the journey was nearly over. I drove at little over two miles an hour down the High Street, and drew gently to the kerb on the Westcliff front after one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life."

Such a demonstration of the wondrous perfection of the Buick carries its own lesson. Think what **you** can do with such a car.

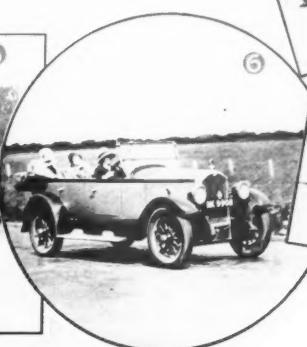
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9. Arrival on the front at Westcliff.



5. R.A.C. scout signals "Right away" at Gallows Corner.



6. On the open Southend Road.

8. Entering busy Southend.

7. The obvious youth of the driver brings a challenge from the law—an incident that ended in smiles all round.

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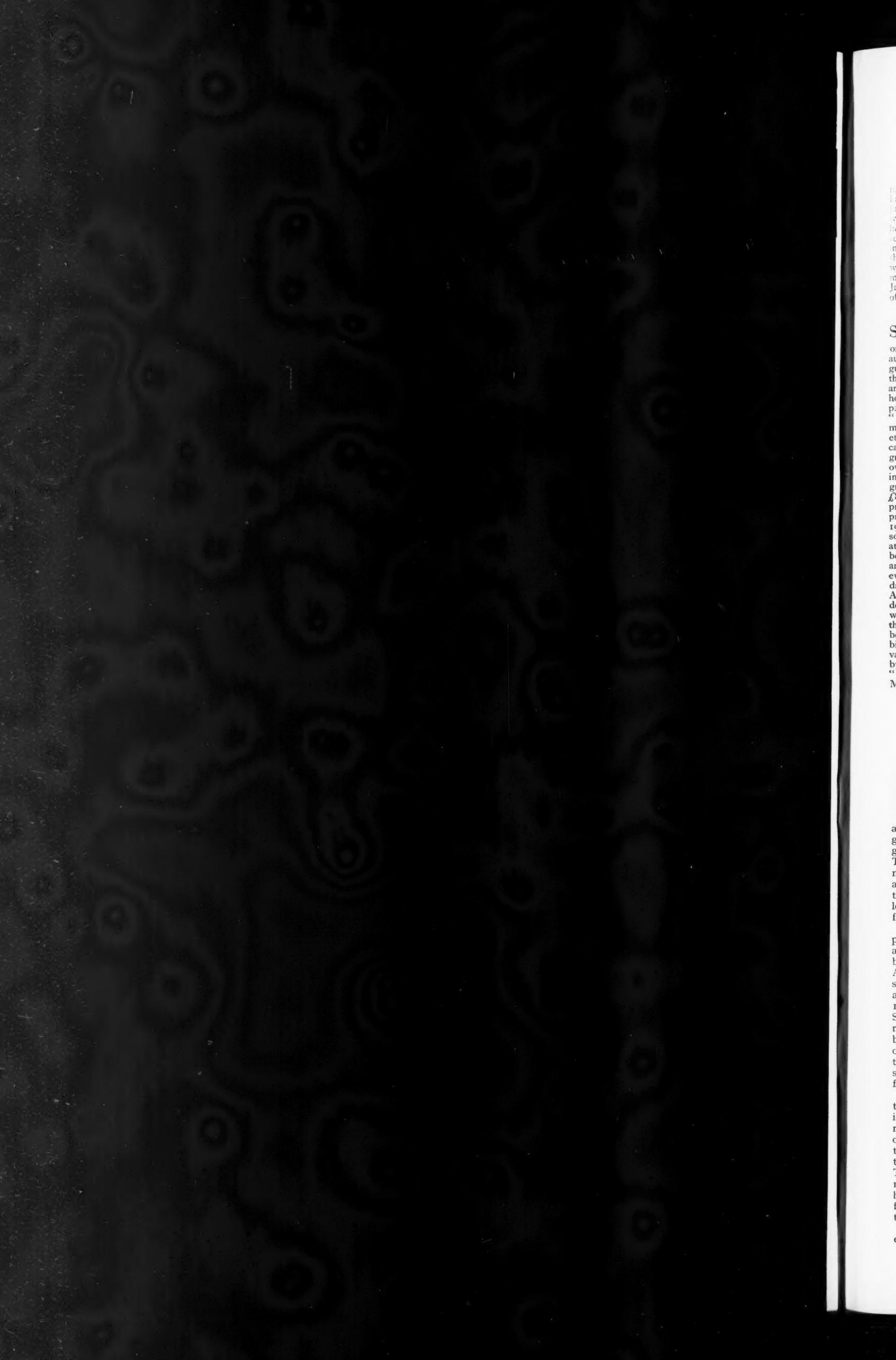
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modernised and is in good order. It has pretty and inexpensive gardens, and a park of 60 acres, about four miles from Northwich, and seven from Warrington. The Hall has decorative work which certainly resembles some of that embodied in the drawings indexed in the list of the collection of drawings in the Sir John Soane Museum—a full list of which forms so interesting a feature of the monumental "Architecture of Robert and James Adam" (COUNTRY LIFE) in the second of the two majestic volumes (page 360, etc.).

BIRD "SANCTUARIES."

SOME months ago we announced that a tract of marshland at Cley-next-the-Sea, on the Norfolk coast, had been acquired at auction on behalf of those who wished to safeguard the wild fowl which live in such numbers there. Now Messrs. John D. Wood and Co. are to sell 260 acres adjoining, known as Salt-houses Marshes, four miles from Holt. The particulars may be summarised as follows: "The land lies near Blakeney Point and shows masses of widgeon grass, so beloved by duck, etc. The ground is equipped with butts and carries well stocked rabbit warrens. The grazing is good, and each year is improving owing to a new channel being cut to let water into Blakeney Harbour. About 150 acres are grazing, which was let in 1924 for £45, in 1925 for £80, and 1926 for about £90 and is still improving. The remainder is under water and provides a rich harvest of eels. From March, 1925, to March, 1926, about £75 worth were sold, but this could have been more if systematically worked, and it is estimated it should be about £150 to £200 per annum. Reeds are being encouraged and are coming up everywhere. The flighting is excellent, and the day shooting, of course, depends on the weather. A good many duck are caught each year in decoy for breeding purposes." All sorts of wild fowl, duck, snipe and marsh birds frequent the marshes, especially waders, the district being famous as a haunt of wild fowl and rare birds. Some indication of the number and variety is set forth in a book (published 1925 by Messrs. H. F. and B. Wetherby), entitled "Notes on the Birds of Cley," by the late Mr. H. N. Pashley, the taxidermist. Eighty

duck were killed on August 1st, 1925 and about 600 head of wild fowl during the season. The shooting is nearly all shoulder-gun work, but a punt gun can be used if desired. Very good punt-gun shooting just off Blakeney, about two miles from Salthouse. The shooting is in hand and possession of shooting, etc., September 1st, 1926, or might be had earlier by arrangement. The bungalow is reserved.

A Sussex coast residence near Hastings, in which a member of the Royal Family lived for a time, when stationed there during the war, may be bought, with the contents and the grounds of 5 acres, through Messrs. John Bray and Sons and Messrs. Dawson and Harden.

Cambridge University has purchased from executors represented by Messrs. Bidwell and Sons, nearly 3 acres in the heart of Cambridge with two houses of real beauty and pleasant memories of academic activities.

The freehold of The Firs, St. Albans, on the main London road, and extending to half an acre, has been sold privately, a few days before the auction, by Messrs. Harris and Harris.

Messrs. Geering and Colyer report the sale of Oakhill, Hildenborough, a Georgian residence with garage, cottage and matured grounds of 7 acres, in conjunction with Messrs. John Bray and Sons, subsequent to the auction.

Caldecote Towers, the Italian style of house at Bushey Park, which cost probably £150,000, remained in the vendor's hands at the close of the auction by Messrs. Dibbin and Smith, and the reserve prices quoted for the remarkably commodious mansion and varying acreages of ripe building land, with excellent travelling facilities as regards London, are exceedingly moderate. It is a rare chance for buyers wanting a very large house and ample land within a short distance of the City and West End.

WESSEX SITES.

OWERMOIGNE CHURCH, in Dorset, is not the same as that in Thomas Hardy's "The Distracted Preacher," for it has been rebuilt since the story was written, but the village, two or three miles from the shore, and the surroundings generally are as they used to be, and as they are depicted by the master under the name of "Nether Moynton," and

they were ideal for the old natives, to whom smuggling was at once a sport and a serious pursuit. Following an auction just held by Messrs. Fox and Sons, the Bournemouth firm sends us a list of unsold lots ranging in price from as low as £10, many nice bits of about an acre at from roundly £80 to £100, and other lots with dwellings, and a wood of 25 acres for £300. Two or three large farms at very small prices are still available, for example, 235 acres for £4,500, and 175 acres for £3,850, good Wesssex land, some of it improving in value, being suitable for building.

Dowerfield House, a fine old home in lovely gardens, near Dorchester, has been sold by Messrs. Harding and Harding, who will soon sell the furniture by auction.

Other west country sales include those by Messrs. Rawlence and Squarey, Gunville Farm, Charlton Horethorne (Lot 1), having an area of 252 acres; and another first-class farm in Charlton Horethorne, containing 478 acres, making a total of 730 acres at £22,000, an average of over £30 an acre.

Messrs. Rawlence and Squarey have sold Little Langford rectory, which was offered for sale by auction on July 20th, by private treaty. They have resold Bishops Candle rectory, Sherborne.

Messrs. C. R. Morris, Sons and Peard have disposed of Ford Lodge and Troakes Farm, Wiveliscombe, the Somersetshire residence of Sir Robert Hamilton.

It may be remembered that Messrs. Norfolk and Prior, in September last, submitted to auction, in conjunction with Messrs. R. B. Taylor and Sons, the Clifton Maubank Estate, Dorset, 1,500 acres, and disposed of the entire estate in lots. The former firm has now sold by private treaty, again for occupation, Plush Manor estate, near Dorchester. It extends to 850 acres and includes a comfortable manor house of moderate size, on an eminence commanding magnificent views of the surrounding country, with farms and cottages.

Salop property, All Stretton Hall, and 11 acres, with trout stream, in the vale between Caradoc and Longmynd Hills, near Church Stretton, has been bought in at £2,500, by Messrs. Barber and Son, for executors.

ARBITER.

THE NORTH-BOUND EXODUS

FOR the last week the north-bound exodus has been steadily increasing. The platforms at Euston faithfully reflect the movement of society, for there one finds piles of luggage labelled for the Scottish moors. Gun cases and shooting sticks are everywhere in evidence, and here and there cluster the little groups of servants and domestic staffs going north to the shooting boxes. The dogs in charge of their masters' men are handed over to the guard and seem to be perfectly familiar with the railway station scenes. They, no less than their masters, are looking forward to the sacred Twelfth.

The railway companies are hard pressed to meet the seasonal demand, and there is no hope of a sleeping berth unless it is booked well in advance. A record number of over five hundred sleeping berths has already been booked at Euston for the nights of the 9th and 10th, and this demand means that the Sleeping Car Express will have to be run in four or five portions. These booking figures show a marked increase over previous years, and are an additional proof that the vogue of Scottish shooting is increasing rather than falling off.

When arrangements are perfect, the change from London to the moors is still a miracle of transport. One reaches Euston in time for the seven o'clock, dines on the train, and reaches the distant Scottish destination some time in the afternoon of the next day. There are no Customs to bother about, no discomforts of a sea trip, and a holiday in the clean air of Scotland is, from the health point of view, worth twice the time spent on the Continent.

"The season" is over, and almost everyone who is anyone has left town

or will have done so in a week's time. Despite the prominence given to the Continent in the daily Press, where one sees alluring photographs of pyjama lunches on the Lido and cinema stars on the Boardwalk at Deauville, the call of Scotland and the grouse moor still comes loud and clear.



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FOOD OF WILD GAME BIRDS

IT is important that the farmer, the public and, if possible, the politicians should know what game birds eat. In the past, and even to-day, rather wide and careless generalisations were made. Some amateur naturalist would explore a crop with a pocket-knife, and lay down the law about whether the bird was harmful or useful on the strength of a single casual inspection.

In order to be accurate, it is necessary that the stomach contents of many of the same kind of bird shot at distant and different places should be examined at all seasons of the year. It is work which can be done by an amateur, but it is necessary that he should have some biological and scientific knowledge and be able to identify stomach contents. Only those who have attempted to determine what a crop contained will realise the difficulty of sorting out the mass of part-digested food and ascribing it to its proper sources. A good deal more of this work should be done, for, in the nature of things, supplies are largely of local origin and an observer in the North may find different results from those recorded by others in the South or in the Midlands.

Dr. Walter E. Collinge has worked on this subject for many years and is accepted as the leading authority on birds' food in Great Britain. Part 7 of "The Food of Some British Wild Birds" (published by the author, York, 6s. 3d. net) contains an exhaustive series of analyses of the food of the pheasant, partridge, grouse, wood-pigeon and other birds of lesser sporting interest.

He has a chart system which shows in diagram form the percentage of injurious insects, neutral insects, cereals, weeds and weed seeds, miscellaneous vegetable matter, etc., each bird consumes. It is possible to see at a glance whether a bird is, so far as the farmer or fruit-grower is concerned, useful, neutral or an enemy. In addition to this, the food of game birds has been analysed from a monthly percentage point of view.

The pheasant is shown on careful scientific evidence to be a very good friend to the farmer. Roughly, a third of its diet is insects and slugs, 26.2 per cent. of which are injurious to farmers. The remaining two-thirds is a vegetable diet, 41 per cent. of which is the leaves and fruits of weeds. The total amount of cereals and roots eaten by the wicked creature is 4.4 per cent. It can be summarised with sufficient approach to accuracy for the farmer if we say that the pheasant does fourteen times as much good as harm.

Six years have been spent investigating the food of pheasants, and, much as it may grieve anyone who still believes in Mr. Lloyd George as an expert on pheasants, no trace of mangolds, turnips, beet or other root crops was ever found in any pheasant! The only possible charge that can be brought against the pheasant is that occasionally, when extremely plentiful, it tramples down corn! Still, according to our personal belief, it must take a wonderful lot of high-stepping pheasants to make any real impression.

The partridge has not attained the political importance of the pheasant, but an occasional orator has been known to accuse it of robbing the starving farmer or farm labourer of his bread. Actually, the partridge is not only a harmless but a very useful little bird. One third of its diet is insects, half of which are known to be definitely injurious. The other two-thirds is vegetable. One might think, from the association of partridges with corn, that they eat a fair amount of grain, but it is not so. Nearly all their vegetable diet consists of the leaves, fruits and seeds of weeds. There is only 3.5 per cent. of grain, and this, from its occurrence, is probably picked up on the stubbles.

In any case, whatever small amount of corn is consumed, it bears no comparison with the enormous amount of insects and weeds eaten. Figures do not give much of a picture, but it is easier to realise it if we say that partridges eat about one sack of corn to a wagon-load of insects and weeds!

The grouse is also harmless, eating 22.5 per cent. animal matter, of which 14 per cent. is injurious insects, and 77.5 per cent. vegetable matter, of which 73 per cent. is mainly heather.

In general, it is clear that game birds are beneficial to the farmer and the maintenance and preservation of game is abundantly justified. The enemies of the farmer are the woodpigeon, the rook and the starling, and these are convicted on the evidence of their own crops. The damage done by them is sometimes attributed to the game birds, but there is now clear evidence as to which are the culprits.

When one considers the many points from which sport is now attacked by people who do not know anything about it, it is all the more necessary that the shooting man and the farmer should know something of the economic side of the food of birds and be able to state their case. The officials of certain societies have to earn their pay by extracting money from a sentimental and humanitarian section of the public. They are, to all intents and purposes, paid agitators. The sporting community is relatively unorganised and not too well informed concerning the activity of the opposition. The individual sportsman can, however, do good work by familiarising unreflecting sentimentalists with the elementary facts of the natural history of game birds and what their economic importance is to the agricultural community.

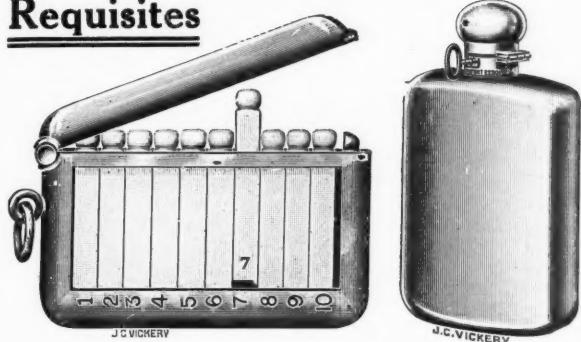
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LADIES' GUNS.

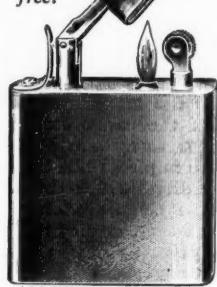
THE standard twelve-bore game gun can be made light enough for a lady's use, but inevitably a light gun means increased recoil, so what is gained in comfort in one direction is lost in another. There remain the small bores, the sixteen, the twenty and even the twenty-eight. The latter is, perhaps, too small for serious shooting at driven birds unless the owner is really a very good shot. Well held, it is a good little gun, effective at all normal game ranges, but the ratio of shot chances per cartridge is very much less than that of the twelve-bore, and birds on the edge of the pattern are all too often pricked rather than brought down.

The twenty-bore is a far more serviceable weapon, light, convenient and, if well balanced, entirely free from recoil. There is, however, one serious disadvantage to all twenty-bores and that is the danger of a twenty-bore cartridge getting mixed with the twelve-bore cartridges. The twenty-bore case unfortunately just slips into the twelve-bore chamber and lodges at the lead instead of dropping right through the barrel. It allows room for a twelve-bore unfired cartridge to be put in behind it, and if this occurs and the gun is fired a dangerous burst is bound to occur. It is far better to make a firm rule not to have any twenty-bore guns or cartridges in the gunroom, either for boys or ladies, but to go straight to the sixteen-bore and eliminate all possible risks.

The sixteen-bore can be made as light as 5½ lb., but 5.10 lb. to 6 lb. is a better weight when the reduction of recoil is the real essential. Soft rubber heel plates are invaluable on a lady's gun, as the sports-woman rarely wears clothes as thick as a man's tweeds, and recoil not noticeable to a man may be severely felt by the lighter built and more lightly dressed woman.

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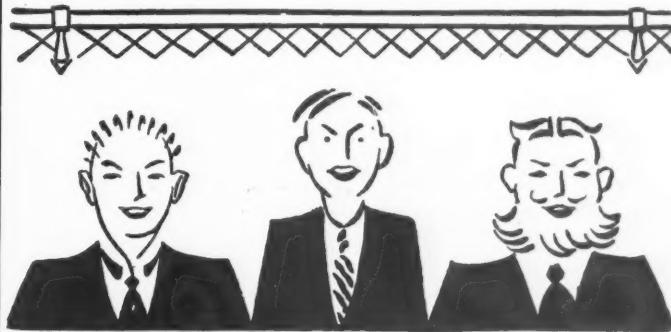
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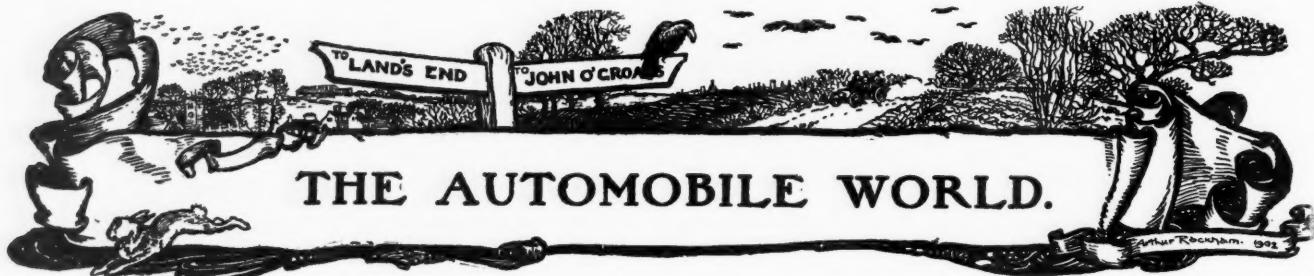
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THE GRAND PRIX

THE first international Grand Prix to be held in England took place under the auspices of the R.A.C. at Brooklands last Saturday, and provided convincing evidence that there is a great, if dormant, interest in the sporting side of motoring in Great Britain which may be very easily awakened. The largest crowds ever seen at Brooklands thronged the enclosures, while hundreds of cars were parked outside the Track. Obviously, these long-distance races appeal to the public in a way that the ordinary race meeting never does.

The Grand Prix race itself was a disappointing affair on account of the troubles that beset nearly all the competing cars. Out of the field of only eight starters two had retired within the first half-hour, and with the exception of Malcolm Campbell's Bugatti, nearly every car in the race seemed to be dogged by persistent ill-luck. Especially was this so in the case of Major Segrave's Talbot, for this most popular driver and car, after holding a leading position for nearly a quarter of the distance, had a series of mechanical misfortunes that were as mysterious as they were fatal to any chance of success.

Starting with weak braking, which meant that he had to begin deceleration for the (artificial) hairpin bends sooner than any of his rivals, Segrave's troubles began to spread to his engine. Hitherto, by wonderful acceleration after the bends, he had been able to retain his leading place; but long before his car caught fire, as it did, his sparking plug and carburettor troubles had definitely put him out of the serious running.

The Delage cars had started favourites for the race, and it was Benoist's Delage that chased Segrave, after the other Talbot, driven by Moriceau, had withdrawn with a broken front axle, and took the lead when Segrave's troubles began. But

Benoist's lead was ended by the need for a tyre change, and definitely placed beyond recall by fire. As was the case in the Sebastian Grand Prix, the Delage drivers were troubled by excessive heat in their cockpits, and Senechal, who was now well in the running for a win, had to retire for this reason; though his car was immediately taken over by the reserve driver Wagner and proved the ultimate winner, the car's time for the 287 miles being 4hrs. 56secs., giving an average speed of 76.61 m.p.h.

Second place in the race went to Malcolm Campbell in his Bugatti, his average speed being 68.82 m.p.h. and his performance was the best of the day, for he alone completed the whole course, and he drove a thoroughly skilful and careful race throughout. Another Delage—driven first by Benoist and then by Dubonnet—was third at 68.12 m.p.h.

The first British Grand Prix was, therefore, a practically all French affair, and this nation by its well deserved win secures the title of Motor Champion of

the World for 1926. Not a single British car completed the course, but British motorists have some consolation in that Segrave made fastest lap (85.99 m.p.h.) and so won the Stanley Cup.

In judging of this race, and especially of the recorded speeds of the cars, it must be remembered that the engine capacity was limited to 1,500c.c.—the official light car size—and that the cars had to decelerate to about 20 m.p.h. for negotiation of the two sets of hairpin bends. As regards the maximum speeds attained, several of the cars were timed to do the half mile along the Railway Straight at over 110 m.p.h., while Segrave was unofficially credited with a burst at two miles a minute for this stretch!

Technically, and in some respects from the sporting point of view, the race was disappointing, but the experience gained by the competitors will doubtless be put to good account for the Two Hundred (to be held on September 26th), for which these Grand Prix cars are eligible.

THE 11-22 H.P. WOLSELEY

DEVELOPED from the very popular and successful pre-war Stellite, the smallest of the four-cylinder Wolseley cars was long known as the Wolseley Ten, but, in accordance with modern fashion, the Ten was in turn supplanted as a name by the double indication "Eleven-Twenty-two," the Eleven being an approximation to the R.A.C. rating of the engine and the twenty-two its brake horse power. More recently the current model of this car was given an additional name, or rather its engine was, following detail improvements. It is now known, to give it its full title, as the "Eleven-Twenty-two h.p.

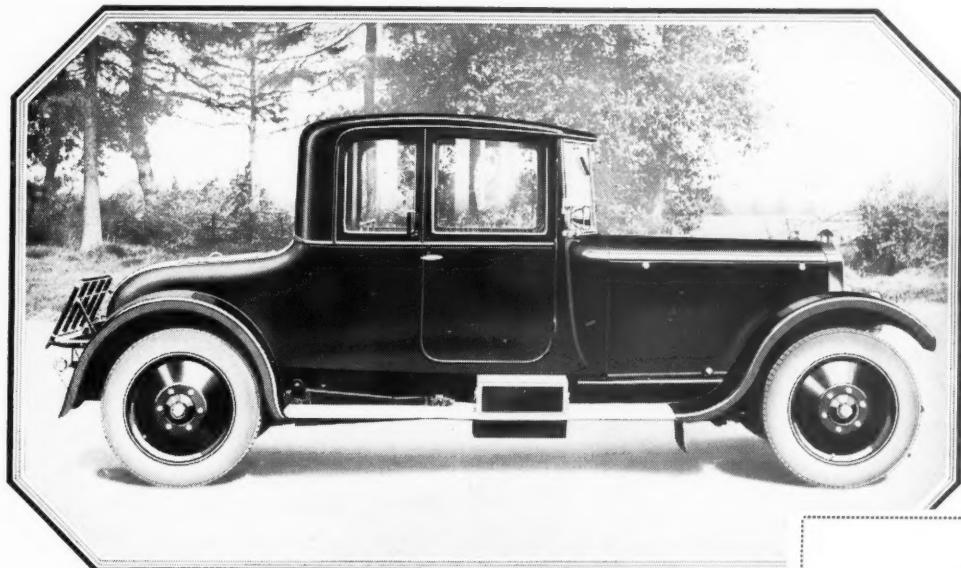
Wolseley with the all-gear engine." Why this new engine should be called an all-gear engine my recent experience of the car failed to reveal. A four-seater car with an engine rated at only 10.5 h.p. cannot very well be "a top gear car," and "all gear" as applied to this Wolseley engine certainly cannot mean that the driver has no need to use his gear-box. If, on the other hand, all-gear means that this engine works as it ought irrespective of the gear engaged at any particular moment, then surely it is in this no different from any other respectable light car power unit. But be the explanation what it may,



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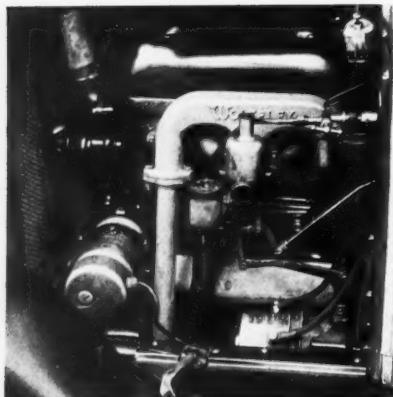
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the fact remains that this is the all-gear Eleven Twenty-two Wolseley and let us not be so inconsiderate as to call it by any other name.

Although in essentials of design much the same as the old Ten, the new engine has been much improved in important details, and it is at once both cleaner and more get-at-able than its immediate predecessor. There are few probable roadside adjustments that need scare the most amateurish mechanic on this engine, though I can certify from experience that the Ten soon inspired a deep rooted respect, if not very much admiration, in anyone who had to tackle it on a dark and stormy night.

One of the most important changes contributing to this desirable improvement lies in the replacement of battery and coil by magneto ignition and in the fitting of a positively driven instead of belt driven dynamo. There is now no impression given by an inspection of the engine that dismantling of the radiator must be a necessary preliminary to removal and replacement of a fan belt, that a very reasonable chassis distortion on the road may send the fan spindle deeply into the radiator or that the whole assembly had been jumbled together and compressed in a most unseemly manner.

As stated, there have been few changes in the essentials of the engine design. The cylinders are cast monobloc and have a detachable head, in which are mounted the overhead valves with their operating cam-shaft, this latter being driven by spiral bevel gear and a vertical shaft at the front of the unit. The pistons are of aluminium, the crank-shaft has two bearings, lubrication is under pressure, and cooling is thermosyphonic through a honeycomb radiator with the usual type of belt-driven fan. On the near side of the engine are the starting motor, the carburettor, exhaust manifold—these latter being mounted so as to ensure a hot spot for the ingoing charge—and the dynamo, this now being driven by a cross-shaft right forward, the other end of which provides the magneto drive. The magneto is, of course, on the opposite side of the engine and is mounted with its distributor and contact breaker facing outwards in a position of excellent accessibility. On this, the off, side of the engine are the sparking plugs (also very get-at-able), the oil filler and easily removable oil filter; the illustration of this side of the engine shows, too, the casing for the vertical shaft that drives the overhead cam-shaft.

Transmission is through a metal-to-metal multiple disc clutch running in oil, which, like all of its kind, spins most persistently and makes the silent engagement of a gear with the car at rest a practical

impossibility, and thence through a propeller-shaft enclosed in a torque tube to a three-speed gear-box built as a unit with the worm-driven rear axle. This construction of gear-box and rear axle as a single unit may, with some reason, be regarded as a relic of the past, but in its favour it must be said that the Wolseley layout seems to be as trouble free as any other, and against the sound argument that it adds to the unsprung weight of the chassis may be urged that any gear-box noises are kept well away from the occupants of the car.

Another suggestion of olden time is contained in the specification of this car, in that four-wheel brakes are an extra, costing an additional £10 on the listed price of the car, and the standard braking arrangement is by independent pedal and hand operated internal expanding brakes in the rear-wheel drums. Suspension is by quarter elliptic springs all round, and the wheels are steel detachable for 27in. by 4.4in. tyres on two-seater complete cars, and 28in. by 4.95in. on four-seater and totally-enclosed models. The wheel-base of the chassis is 8ft. 9ins., and the track 4ft. 2ins.

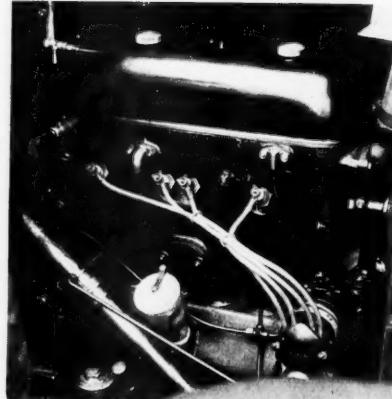
BODYWORK.

This car is available in six models, a two-seater and a four-seater, each in standard and *de luxe* form, and as a saloon, either fabric or coachbuilt, the prices ranging from £235 to £335. As already stated, four-wheel brakes represent an extra £10 on each of these prices. The model tried was the *de luxe* four-seater, of which the cost is £275, which, of course, is a fairly high price as modern prices go for a car of this size and type.

As would be expected, the car is well finished in all its details, the four-door body having English leather upholstery and a fairly complete equipment, this latter including such items as electric and bulb horns, spring gaiters, driving mirror, luggage grid, petrol gauge (mounted under the bonnet), dimming switch for the head lamps, and screen wiper, this latter being hand operated. Also the all-weather equipment both as regards hood and side curtains is rather better than the average for small cars in the details of its design and construction, though it must be admitted that the quality of the detail finish in this respect does not prevent the car from being noticeably draughty when closed up. The seating is comfortable and all the controls very conveniently arranged; while a small, but useful detail is the housing of the wheel removal tools inside the driver's cockpit, so that there is no need to disturb the passengers on account of tyre trouble on the road.

ON THE ROAD.

The claims made for this Wolseley in the matter of road performance are rather more modest than is now the fashion for small cars, for the maximum speed claim is 45 m.p.h. As a result, it may be said of this car that it is one of the few that actually goes faster than the maker's



Off side of the Wolseley 11-22 h.p. engine, showing magneto, sparking plugs, oil filler and vertical shaft for driving the cam-shaft.

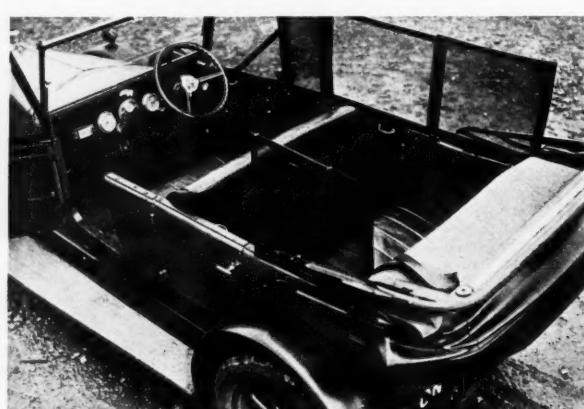
catalogue would lead one to expect, and the departure from common practice in this respect is decidedly refreshing. Still rarer is the fact that the car tried had that almost unheard-of accessory fitted—a slow reading speedometer. When, therefore, an indicated speed of 47 m.p.h. was attained under favourable conditions and allowance was made for the approximate 6 per cent. slowness of the instrument, it seems that the actual speed was much nearer to the 50 m.p.h. which is commonly claimed for small cars than is often the case in practice.

Throughout its whole speed range, which gives the car a minimum top gear speed of 6 m.p.h., the engine is fairly smooth, but unfortunately it cannot by any stretch of imagination be called silent. As soon as the speedometer needle has passed the 25 m.p.h. mark the engine develops noises that are distinctly trying when the car is being used as a closed vehicle, even though there is no very noticeable vibration period to accompany them. Naturally, the worm driven rear axle is absolutely silent, and any noises generated in the gear-box are, by the positioning of this component on the back axle, kept well away from the hearing of those in the car.

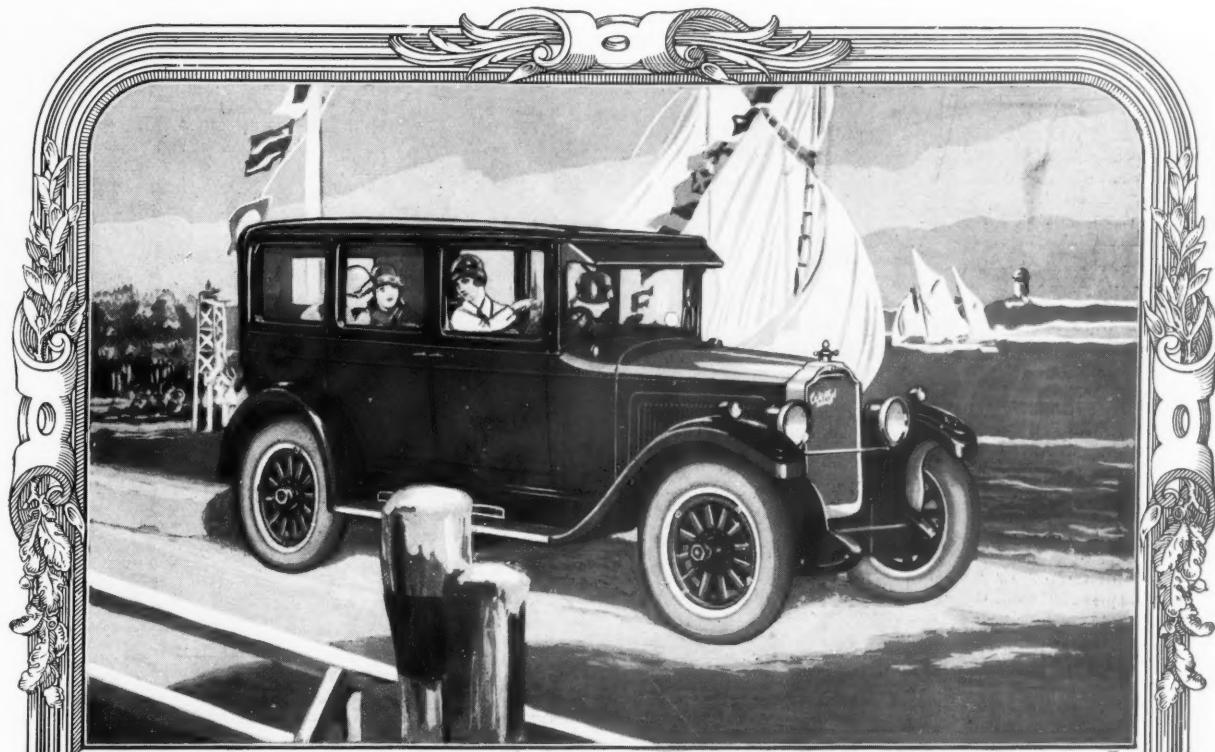
Except for the clutch spinning and consequent difficult engagement of a gear to start the car away from rest, the handling of the gear-box is easy, for the lever is sensibly located in relation to the driver and its movement is decidedly light. The car has a quite useful, if noisy, turn of speed on second gear—up to 35 m.p.h.—and is distinctly good as a hill climber on this ratio, the engine being endowed with a quite useful slogging capacity which enables it to pull hard at a road speed (about 10 m.p.h.) on second which, in the case of most other three-speed cars, would necessitate a drop down to bottom.

Suspension and road holding are both very fair, the quarter elliptic springs doing their work well, even though they are not free from suggestions that snubbing shock absorbers would much improve the riding of the car on badly pot-holed surfaces. The steering is satisfactory, giving an adequate delicacy of control and yet being quite free from any tendency to that overlightness which mars the otherwise excellent behaviour of so many modern cars.

In one respect the test of this Wolseley was particularly interesting to me, for it was my first experience for nearly a twelve-month of a car without four-wheel brakes. I was both hoping for and dreading a shower of rain, for such an event on new arterial roads promised the opportunity of



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interesting comparisons and also threatened more than interesting consequences. The rain came all right, it came with a vengeance, and I had to drive the car, not only over roads that were safe because they were thoroughly wet, but also over roads that had become treacherous with partial drying. That after a year's indifference to such conditions, cultivated by constant and unbroken usage of good four-wheel braking, I returned the car to its makers without a scratch and without having any disconcerting side-slips to record, is not without significance.

This experience with a rear-wheel braked car served, indeed, to emphasise two points that I have previously made in these pages. The first is that the absence of four-wheel brakes imposes a need for deliberate and careful driving that is anything but entirely bad and, incidentally, further suggests the thought that if owners of cars with four-wheel breaks would drive as if they lacked these safety first fittings, the average standard of car driving on the roads to-day would be considerably raised, to the benefit of all concerned. The second point is that in the matter of mere retarding power good rear-wheel brakes are actually superior to many four-wheel systems now offered on low priced and small cars. It was possible to stop this Wolseley on a dry surface from a given speed in actually less space and time than were required for a four-wheel braked and lighter four-seater car with which I have recently had a fairly extensive experience. Not only were these Wolseley rear brakes more powerful, they were equally smooth and far more silent in action, and these are assets worthy of some consideration. Nevertheless, four-wheel brakes have advantages that quite outweigh the faults that accrue from their too cheap manufacture and fitting, and however good the braking of this Wolseley through the rear wheels only may be, it would certainly be better when applied through all four

wheels. This car was very steady on grease and entirely free from any semblance to tail-wagging, but on treacherous surfaces there was always at the back of my mind that feeling of uncomfortable uncertainty which only the presence of four-wheel brakes could remove. And that they could remove this feeling is in itself quite ample justification for the spending of another £10 in the purchase of any car.

It is, perhaps, advisable to say that the car tested had some 6,500 miles to its credit, and so was anything but a car shining and running in the glory of its early youth. Except for its noisiness, however, the car bore little signs of the hacking treatment of various drivers to which it had been subjected, and herein, of course, lies one of the most convincing proofs of quality. The ancient fame of one of the oldest firms in the motor industry and the creditable records of lengthy service put up by so many of its products, are no small guarantee of satisfaction to the purchaser of a car bearing the name Wolseley. The 11-22 model is certainly not built for a short life if a merry one, and its robust construction and high quality detail finish are returns for capital expenditure that are not offered with too many small cars on the market of to-day. W. HAROLD JOHNSON.

VALVE ADJUSTMENT FOR EFFICIENCY.

WHILE the average amateur car owner, even in these days, is well able to keep carburettor and magneto in condition, and may even understand the adjustments required to achieve maximum efficiency regardless of economy, maximum economy regardless of efficiency, or the mid-way point of compromise between the two, the importance of valve adjustment, and the

means thereto, do not appear to be sufficiently well appreciated.

The importance of this subject is the greater, the higher the power output to cylinder capacity ratio; that is to say, proper adjustment is vital to the modern small, high speed and high efficient engine, whereas a little neglect does not have so apparent and immediate an effect on the larger, slow-running motors of the past. The effect is there all the same, and it may be taken as a general axiom that the best will not be obtained from any car in the matter of performance unless the valves are given the same scrupulous and intelligent care that is normally the lot of the carburettor and "mag."

Text books on car maintenance do not neglect instruction on this point, but, as fine metric divisions of an inch are usually involved, the non-scientific amateur is usually much where he was after reading the advice—especially as he is not possessed of the necessary gauges or, if he had them, of the practice necessary for reading fine measurements. The result is that the valves of the majority of car engines are neglected altogether, or the tappet clearances are set by guesswork—either of which is equally bad.

Alternatively, of course, the car may be turned over to a good repairer, who will set the clearances efficiently; but the repairer, like the doctor, is not called in until something goes wrong, which is most distinctly not the way to keep either car or a human chassis in the best condition. Prevention being better than cure, therefore, I propose to describe a method of valve tappet adjustment which, while easily performed by the unskilled owner, is yet quite theoretically sound.

Let us first consider why there should be a clearance at all; why, in fact, the valve stem and tappet are not all in one piece. The explanation is simple—the

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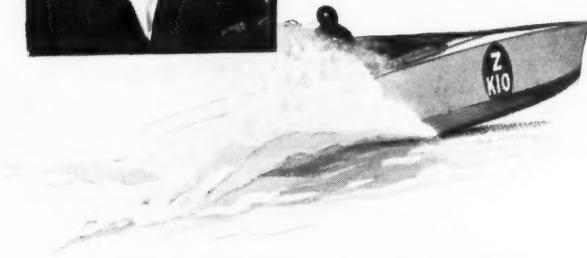
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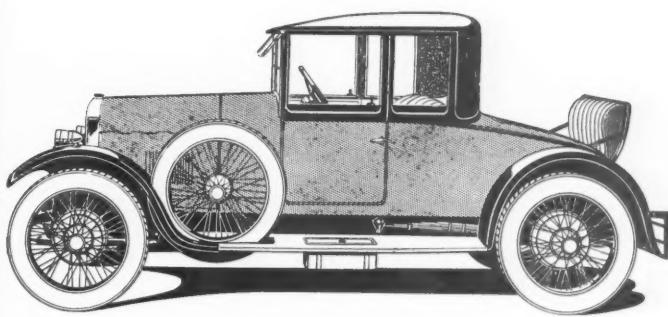
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reason being the same as that for the spaces which are left between the adjoining ends of railway lines. Metal expands with heat and contracts with cold, and a valve with tappet and stem all in one piece which was of a suitable length when the engine was cold or cool would be too long when it had heated up to the normal running temperature. The valve would then remain open all the time—in fact, the engine would cease to work so soon as a very low temperature had been passed. It might be thought that a satisfactory result would be obtained by making the stem length suitable for operation when the engine was hot, and no doubt this plan would answer to a certain extent, and for a limited period.

It will be understood, however, that the constant hammering caused by the cam which serves to open the valve must involve wear in course of time, and it is precisely for this reason—or principally, at any rate—that a means of adjustment is provided. The gap between the top of the tappet and the bottom of the valve stem is, therefore, set so that the valve shall still be able to close when the engine is hot; and as wear takes place and this gap increases, the clearance may be readjusted by a partial turn of the adjusting nut.

With regard to this matter of wear, it might be thought that the work of the tappet and valve stem is light, and, with the modern wonderfully durable steels that are available, the wear should be infinitesimal. I do not know, in pounds per square inch, what is the force of the blow which the tappet inflicts on the stem of the valve at each operation, but I suspect that it is greater than one would imagine. In any case, as dropping water will wear away stone, it is the constant repetition of the blow which counts—and what that repetition really means will be understood better if we consider an average light car with 30 in. wheels and a 4.5 to 1 top gear ratio.

In the course of a mile each valve tappet will have delivered its punch to the valve stem more than three thousand times; in a 100 mile run, about a third of a million times; and in the course of a year's running of a moderate 5,000 miles, fifteen hundred million times. This, by the way, presumes that only top gear is used, and that the engine never runs idly, with the car at rest. Actually the total is enormously greater.

That, anyway, is why we are bothered with valve tappets to adjust. As to my rough and ready, but very effective, method of adjustment, it is just this: Do not do it in the motor house on a wet Saturday afternoon, but put on thick gloves and get to work immediately the car comes back after a run. The engine will then be at its average working temperature—anyway, make sure that it is by running it for a few minutes. Tackle one valve at a time, first turning the starting handle until the particular valve is closed and the cam is turned right away from the bottom of the tappet. There will be no difficulty in finding the right point, for it is big odds that you will find quite an appreciable amount of up-and-down movement in the tappet when it is free off the cam.

Now slack off the locking nut of the tappet adjustment, screw up the other nut until the tappet is just touching the valve stem, and re-lock securely. The only approach to guess-work in the operation is the estimation of "just touching"; but if you try to work the tappet up and down and find just that ghost of a movement which would be accounted for by the presence of a film of oil between stem and tappet, the adjustment will be correct. This microscopic clearance will be sufficient to allow for a very slight further expansion of the metal in the event of the engine becoming more than usually hot on some occasion of extra hard work.

Difficulty is sometimes experienced in retaining the correct adjustment after the locking nut is secured, and in view of this the clearance should be finally checked at the completion of the operation before turning to the next valve. It will nearly always be found that the adjustment has been thrown right out, and the work has to be done all over again, making allowance this time for the alteration caused by the locking nut. This is more a matter of knack and knowledge of the particular engine, than skill, and even the absolute beginner will get into the way of it after a few trials and errors.

Finally, I want to emphasise the need, not for frequent adjustment, but for frequent checking, and for absolute assurance that the adjustment is securely locked. As to the first point, five minutes spent each week in ascertaining that the gap is, for all practical purposes, unaltered, or an extra quarter of an hour in re-setting it when necessary, may save gallons of petrol and a lot of unpleasant worrying as to the cause of mysteriously poor running. And, with regard to the locking nut, those three thousand odd journeys per mile of the tappet up and down in its guide will soon serve to loosen a nut that is not thoroughly tight, whereupon the tappet will drop right down, and one cylinder ceases to work. The symptoms are difficult to diagnose—one is certain to waste a lot of time in removing the sparking-plug and so on before tumbling to the real reason for the trouble. It is always wise, therefore, to glance at the tappets in case of trouble before performing any more serious testing operations.

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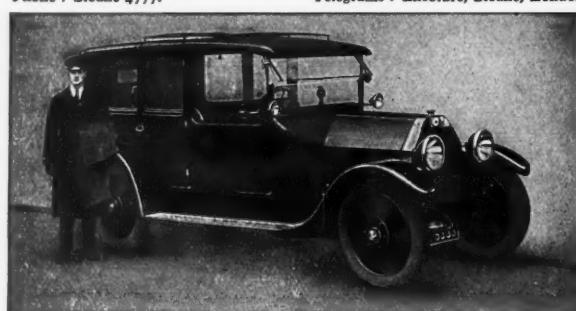
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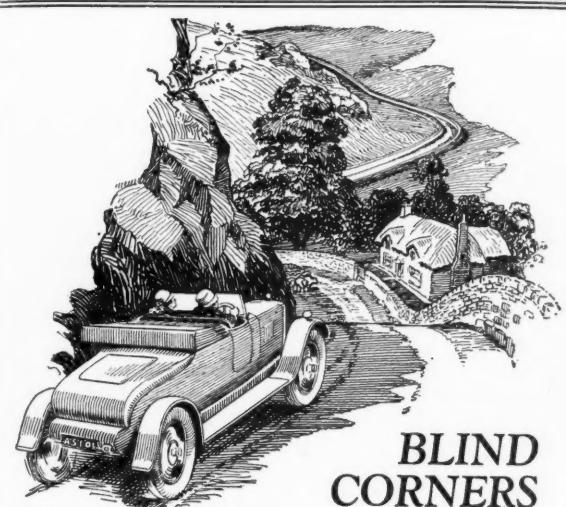
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ARDENERS at this time of year are so busily engaged in admiring their herbaceous borders and thinking how lovely their beds are, that they sometimes forget to look up and see the rowan or mountain ash berries already colouring above them. The rowan, indeed, is the first harbinger of autumn, but it is so gentle and yet so brilliant in the colour of its berries that it is not an unpleasant reminder of the cold days to come. When the leaves of trees and shrubs begin to turn the dusty dead green of foliage that has had its day, out pop these coruscating globules of colour that hang and retain their brilliance for many a long week.

Not only do many gardeners ignore the ordinary mountain ash or rowan or *Pyrus Aucuparia*, but they are ignorant of the numbers of beautiful sisters and cousins of these trees that are frequently grouped under the generic name of *sorbus*. There is really a great future for these magnificent trees, if only gardeners would realise their possibilities. There are few trees or shrubs that combine such grace of limb and foliage with such a lavish show of berries in the autumn. In fact a large garden should grow many, and even the smallest at least one specimen. Here are some of the best:

Sorbus.—Our own rowan has several fine forms that are in general cultivation, among them *Sorbus Aucuparia fructuosa* with orange-yellow fruits; *fastigiata*, a very handsome fastigiate form; and *poumashanensis*, a Chinese form, with large leaflets and bright red fruits larger than those of the ordinary rowan. Another very fine Chinese rowan goes under the lengthy name of *Sorbus munda subarachnoidea*. This grows into a handsome tree of upstanding growth and is noticeable for its corymbs of beautiful white berries. Next we come to *Sorbus*—or *Pyrus*—*Conradinae*, one of the best of all the berried trees. It was found by Wilson in western Szechuan in 1908, and is, unfortunately, still uncommon in cultivation, chiefly through lack of demand. It is a bigger tree than our common rowan, with similar leaves and masses of berries of the most brilliant scarlet.

Some prefer another of Wilson's finding called *Sorbus*—or *Pyrus*—*Sargentiana*, not to be confused with the crab called *Pyrus Malus Sargentii*, a totally different plant. This *sorbus* has fruit of the same red colour, but considerably larger in size than that of *P. Conradinae*. Both these Chinese rowans are highly recommended. Still another worthy rowan is *Sorbus thianshanica*. It is much smaller in growth than most of its relatives, and so is useful where space is a consideration; its fruits are also bright red, while the flowers are large for the section. Then we must include that gem *Pyrus (Sorbus) Vilmorinii*, the most delicate growing of all the section, with graceful arching branches and fern-like foliage. The fruit is red, ultimately paling until it becomes a creamy white. Finally, there is a hybrid between the rowan and a whitebeam, called *Pyrus pinnatifida*, that is found wild in the Isle of Arran. This was shown a year or two ago at a R.H.S. show, when its brilliant sealing-wax red fruits created a sensation.

Whitebeams.—Everyone knows the common whitebeam, *Pyrus Aria*, with its entire leaves felted beneath and scarlet fruit dotted with brown, but few, perhaps, realise how much finer is its variety *majestica* than the original. The leaves are often 7ins. long and 3-4ins. in width, with the fruit larger in proportion. This whitebeam is sometimes seen in catalogues under the name of *Pyrus vestita nepalensis*. Another whitebeam with large foliage is *P. vestita*, with leaves that, on occasion, reach 9ins. in length and are thickly felted below. This is rather stiffer in habit with fewer branches. It has a habit of dying suddenly without apparent cause, but the foliage is so handsome, even in a young plant, that it is well worth growing even if its life is only a few years.

Aronia.—Two species of this North American section are grown in the British Isles, *P. arbutifolia*, the common chokeberry, a shrub up to 10ft. with narrow leaves about 3ins. long and tapered at both ends; and *P. melanocarpa*, the black chokeberry, that only reaches about 6ft. and is of bushier habit than the former. They are rather alike in foliage, but the under surface of the foliage of the former is felted. The main difference is in the colour of the berries, those of *P. arbutifolia* being red and of *P. melanocarpa* a shiny black. They make neat shrubs rather than handsome specimen plants.

Micromeles.—Finally, we come to the *Micromeles* section, which only differ from the *Arias* by the fact that the calyx falls away from the fruit, leaving a small pit. This section contains two very handsome species. The first is *P. caloneura*, sometimes catalogued as *P. colineuri*. This grows to a small, erect tree with oval leaves about 3ins. long, tapering at both ends. When young the upper surface is coated with fluff, but this disappears. The fruit is pear-shaped and brown in colour, and is produced in rounded corymbs. The second species is *P. Folgneri*, a slender tree with graceful arching branches. The leaves have a very white under surface, while the fruit is larger than that of the former and of a good red colour. This is a particularly graceful plant, and should be far more often seen in gardens.

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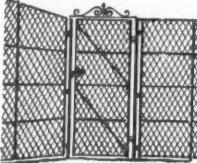


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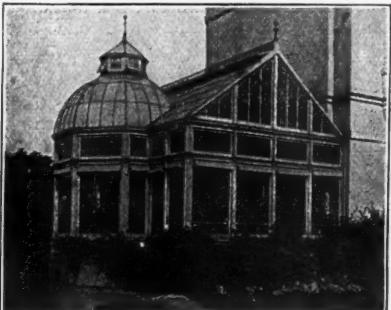


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Decorative details, again, are all wrought into the material as though woven there. It is an unpardonable sin in the eyes of the fastidious for anything to bulge. Lace, net, embroideries, all are kept as flat and as unobtrusive as possible, and albeit this means in every direction less material, the quality of the component parts is necessarily much better. An exquisite and apparently simple nightdress, for example, made of washing satin, washing net and real fine *filet* lace, assumes a very different aspect if copied in cheap cotton or even *lingerie* lawn and imitation lace.

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Then there are Milanese, Celanese, Zantha, only to mention three of the admirable real and artificial woven silks that compose so much of the *au dessous* worn just now in garments that, for the most part, are of the severe, untrimmed order. One sees, of course, lace and embroideries introduced on such fabrics, but it is never in the best *salons*, where silk bindings and shoulder straps suffice. Woven silk *lingerie* stands in a category by itself.

Infinitely to be preferred to a cheap washing satin, triple ninon or *crêpe de Chine* any day is a



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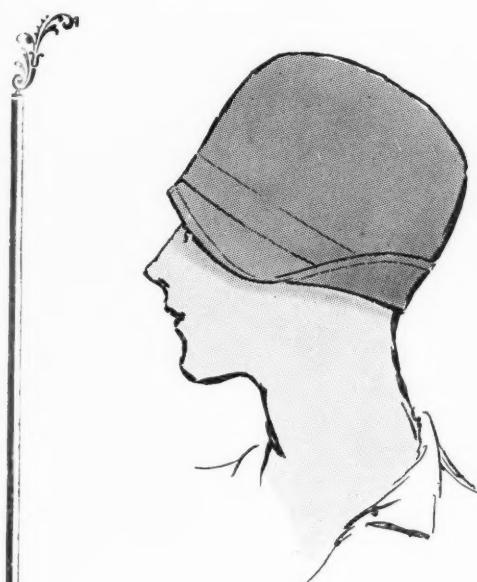
superfine tarantulle or voile. For voile the Frenchwoman has a high regard, and she has full reason, since quite some of the most attractive "undies" are fashioned of it, simply relieved by drawn thread work and a fine close buttonhole stitch worked round quite tiny scalloped edges as a finish. Voile is, perhaps, the pleasantest and easiest of all materials to wash and get up. A certain amount of care has to be exercised with the above-mentioned silken fabrics and to avoid a shine they have to be ironed on the wrong side, but with voile that is immaterial.

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You see the idea in a set illustrated here of chemise and knickers, the former mounted in a deep yoke of that invaluable washing net, which, being made of natural thread, never loses its tint. Into this there is worked or appliquéd diamond-shaped motifs of filet lace, the whole revealing one of the delicate hand-wrought effects referred to above, necessitating the most precise care and accurate stitching.

Quite effectual for a *brassière* is a deep yoke to a chemise or top of cami-knickers, provided the figure is slim. The model sketched shows a yoke on which a small floral embroidery is introduced in soft pastel shades. On to it the lower part is set in groups of small *lingerie* pleats. Lace may be substituted if preferred or occasion demands, lace of a rather firm supporting quality, while those who wish to arrive at a similar effect quickly and at less expense will find some charming machine-embroidered voiles.

Topped with lace, a short *brassière* can be made out of a wide firm satin ribbon and worn directly beneath a transparent bodice. Shaped accurately to the figure line, this is fitted by darts in front and at the sides, and is worn by many for evening dress in particular, when a single shoulder strap is not only desirable but often essential, and that of an extremely narrow width and preferably of *diamanté* or small bead trimming.

The fact that *au dessous* is quite likely to be visible, is an important factor alike in construction and colour. If the latter does not actually match, it must not, on the other hand, quarrel with outer and more visible raiment. Hence the kaleidoscopic display in many wardrobes that in the old days contained only snowy white garments.

SUGGESTIONS PRACTICAL AND NOVEL.

Something of a novelty is a nightie arranged with an oval front and a fill-up of net, and likely to appeal to the woman who does not care to be too *décolleté*. This model works up extremely well in voile, is equally suitable to schappe—a material that has a considerable amount of warmth in it—and is most *rêcherché* expressed in crêpe de Chine.

A glance at the illustration at once confirms the commonsense yet effective value of the idea, carried out in two colours or gradations of the same, the contrast or deeper tone being used for the narrow bands defining the oval front. If these are mounted with that single thread openwork stitch in fine embroidery silk, the appearance is materially enhanced, a further small vanity being the monogram embroidered on the net.

A wrinkle, vouchsafed by a *lingère*, that may prove useful is always to stamp a transfer at the back of a material that is sufficiently transparent to allow this to show through. The procedure suggested obviates the necessity of having a garment laundered before it is worn.

Notwithstanding that the wearing of petticoats is more marked in the breach than the observance, there are occasions when such an addition is desirable. A petticoat of white crêpe de Chine is an invaluable stand-by both for summer and winter, modelled *en princesse* or else mounted on a camisole top. But the detail that really matters and is of the utmost importance is a concealed width for easy movement. Otherwise the utmost simplicity is observed, openwork stitch providing the favourite decoration with at times, as suggested, a motif of drawn threadwork.

If and when lace is introduced, the firmest and most satisfactory way of

attaching that is with a close overwork stitch in silk. This, while taking more time, does not pull either the *dentelle* or the material as does faggot stitchery. A further practical hint devised towards the same end are small worked slits for the shoulder straps to be passed through. The saving of wear and tear provided by that simple contrivance deserves the fullest recognition.

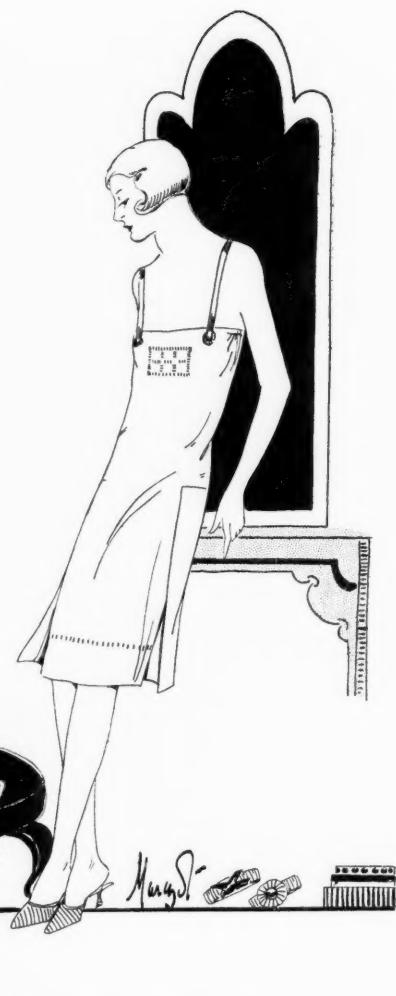
THE DREAMER.

There merely remains to discuss the slumber suit worn by the figure round which this *lingerie* dream is woven. "A slumber suit," one hears the incredulous exclaim; "who would consider or wear such a thing?" Well, the answer is that many women are not only considering them, but wearing them already.

Without entering into any of the pros or cons, it may yet be pointed out that, beyond the tight-fitting character of the lower half of the trousers and the admittedly extravagant expression, there is little, so far as comfort goes, to differentiate between the example shown and ordinary pyjamas.

The cut of the coat makes for the greatest freedom, and it can be worn either with or without the waistcoat, though when the latter is donned the suit takes on the guise of the modish bifurcated rest suit. As all the world knows at this date, the latter are intentionally extravagant in colour and expression. They are of the East, Eastern, black satin trousers being accompanied by vivid coloured coats encrusted with embroideries.

The distinctively ornate, however, has been waved aside by our artist in favour of a magpie scheme of black and white developed in satin, the waistcoat arranged in large squares of the two and the coat and trousers of white satin appliquéd with half moons and stars in black. *Très, très amusante*, as our French friends would say, with an expressive gesture that implies approval. And the equally unselfconscious Englishwoman who has similar sentiments and dares this suit



Drawn threadwork is the chosen decoration for voile underwear; lace and lingerie pleats ornament the lower design.

may be assured of arousing interest and, quite possibly, that most sincere flattery of all, imitation.

Of the small accessories beloved of the fastidious, boudoir caps, mules, garters, and so forth, several ideas are given that may serve in providing a stimulus for flagging inspiration.

L. M. M.

FROM A WOMAN'S NOTEBOOK

VICTORIAN TREASURES; THE MODERN DINNER TABLE.

It is significant that antique dealers are unearthing the most amazing Early Victorian treasures, some whereof have not seen the light for years, and that they are selling very rapidly. I heard the other day of six mahogany chairs and two with arms being bought for £5 the lot, for which an offer has now been made to the tune of £30. Straight and severe in character, the mahogany is like velvet to the touch, and the original removable seats of black horsehair are being replaced by that fascinating coloured and patterned horsehair that is said to wear almost for ever. Its appearance this does not in the least resemble horsehair, being put through a process that eliminates both the roughness and the shininess. It is singularly artistic and the colourings most seductive.

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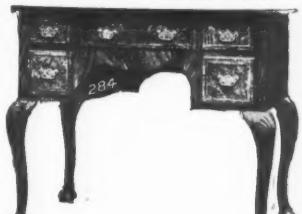
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